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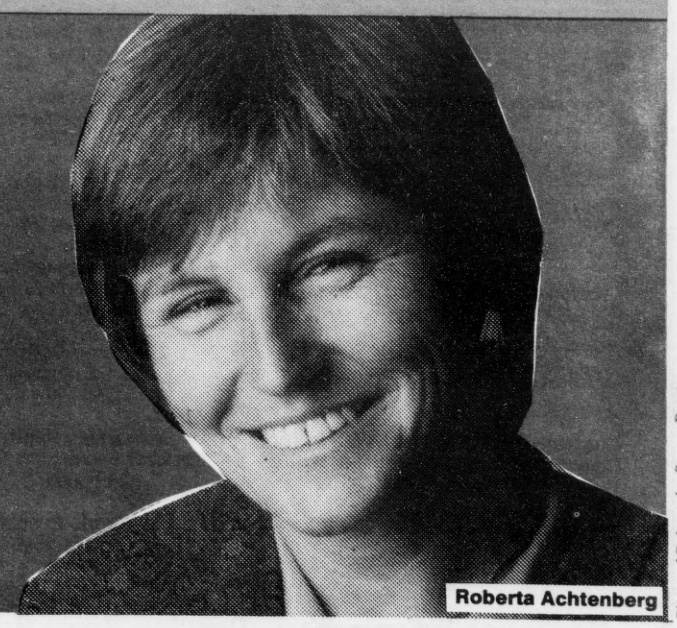

Roberta Achtenberg

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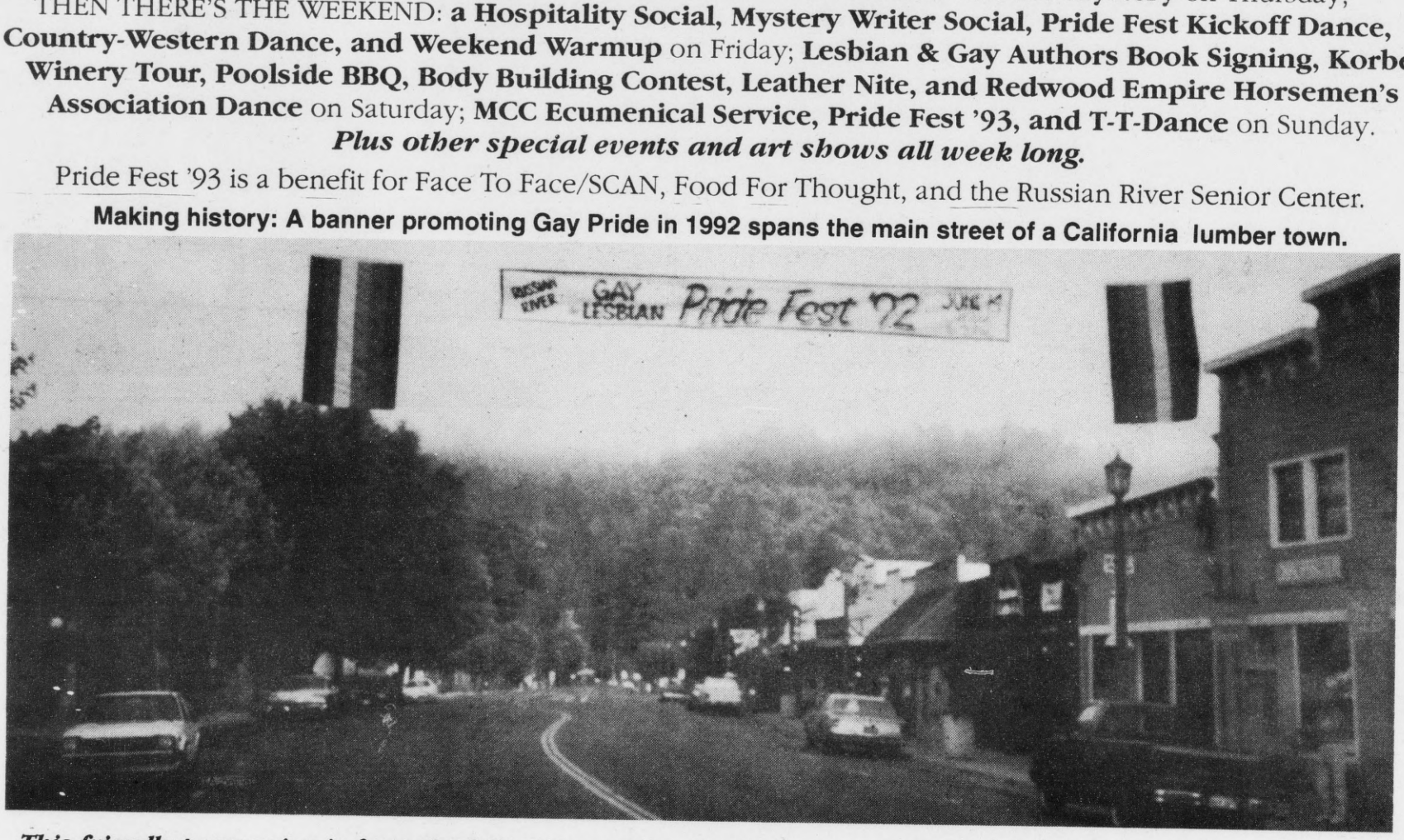

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(letters)

Queer Leather Morris Dancers Won't Be Silenced

We would like to express our outrage and dismay over the continued marginalization of the queer leather morris dancing community within the pages of the *SF Bay Times*. Your March on Washington issue was published today and once again our community's participation was ignored and our voices (and bells) were silenced.

We are a swiftly growing community, which numbers in the dozens (well, a dozen or so anyway). Yet, from reading your paper, one might assume that queer leather morris dancers did not even exist! Think of the young queer leather morris dancers who believe that they are alone in the world due to the cloak of invisibility with which your paper has shrouded us.

We have notified your writers and photographers on countless occasions of important events in our community (including our presence at the march). Yet we continue to be shunned. We must assume that this silence is intentional. Clearly, the lesbian/gay/bisexual establishment is threatened by our existence and the power that we might wield, as queers, as leatherfolk and as morris dancers.

In order to offer you the opportunity to redress these injustices, we hereby make the following demands:

- We demand that the *SF Bay Times* change its masthead from "The gay/lesbian/bisexual newspaper and calendar of events" to "The gay/lesbian/bisexual/leather morris dancing newspaper and calendar of events."
- We demand comprehensive coverage of the issues, activities and events of the queer leather morris dancing community, including extensive photo coverage and a regularly featured queer leather morris dancing column.
- We demand cash reparation (and lots of it) for the pain and suffering which your criminal neglect has inflicted on the dozens of queer leather morris dancers, both out and closeted. (A cool million should be sufficient.)

We will no longer be silenced!

White Rat's Morris
Nilos Nevertheless, squire; Marian Phillips, keye grippe; Jane Shaffer, stage manager; Elizabeth Long, doc; Johanna Lee, special forces; Greta Christina, office manager; Selena Wells, rookie rat; Joi Wolfwomyn, morris mom; Jane Doe, triage; Barbara Jean Bragil, sous-chef; Rob X, dances with rats; plus countless others
San Francisco

Needed Saying

Contrary to J.C. Bohl's opinion, ("Lower Standards," *SF Bay Times*, May 6) I *loved* your April 22 cover. What would we be celebrating each June without drag queens? Who better to say, "1 percent my ass"? (And believe me, it needed saying!) And I resent the ageist tone of J.C. Bohl's letter.

Carol Beth
Berkeley

Not All Christians...

In response to "Christianity's Triumph," a letter from Nikos Cathar (*SF Bay Times*, May 6): "*All* homosexuals are child molesters, sex fiends, psychotic, bad for morale, etc...." We know this statement to be totally false. Yet some insist on using the same flawed logic to condemn other groups. Christians for one.

Does my denomination really fit the Jerry Falwell mold?

We first ordained women in 1859; in 1972, we were the first major denomination to ordain an openly gay man. This April our denomination president was in the March on Washington, leader of the largest church to do so. Rep. Pat Schroeder and NAACP President Ben Chavis are members.

This list could go on and on. We are Christians and feel the need to show love and understanding in the name of God, rather than hate and condemnation.

So does the United Church of Christ really deserve to be called an "adversary"? Are we really being honest with our friends?

As a member of the First Congregational Church in San Francisco, I am an openly gay man and involved in the whole life of the church.

Granted, not all Christian churches are like this, but then not all "Christians" are Christ-like.

Ken Tipton
San Francisco

Fatphobics in the Personals

You may think that we don't know what the code words "fit," "athletic" and, my personal favorite, "weight proportional to height" really mean. But we do. They mean: *No fat girls need apply.*

Do you think you're any better than the guy who yells "whale watch" at me near the beach? Or the one who "oinks" at me in a restaurant? Think again, sisters.

Well, here's my wish for you: I hope the sexiest woman of your dreams—complete with all the qualifications for that elusive "LTR"—reads your ad and thinks she's "too fat" to answer it!

Your fat sister,
OFFUL (One Fat Fed-Up Lesbian)

Insulted by Dave

Am I the only person whose intelligence is insulted by Dave Ford?

After spending hours at the newsracks at Modern Times, Bound Together and A Different Light, at the main library's and my university's periodical rooms, at magazine kiosks and at the magazine rack at Walgreen's, it's somehow disconcerting for Ford to repeat something I read in the *New York Times* two weeks before *and* call himself a journalist *and* get paid for it. By the time we read it in his column, we've read it in every mainstream daily, the other two gay weeklies, and heard it every hour on NPR and KPFA.

This is not to say that because you can find the word "gay" somewhere in the *Chronicle* every day that the *SF Bay Times* is necessarily redundant, or that "found" news is not news. Ford ignored the socialist and anarchist press and all the trade journals. I feel that Ford talked down to homosexuals, as if we never leave the gay ghetto and therefore wouldn't be interested in reading *Time* in its entirety, but only want what is gay. My only request is: Tell me something I don't know.

Incidentally, as a feature and travel writer, Dave Ford has no peers. He renders his life, our community and "the movement" with complex wit, resonance and clarity. His stories of foreign places are so solid, elegant and visionary that any comment on their merit would be at once presumptuous. I have a yellowing copy of Ford's column titled, "London Calling," about his time in the restroom at the Eton School for Boys.

I read everything!

Susan McPheeters
San Francisco

Lesbian Reality?

I would like to describe some of my reactions to *Thank God I'm a Lesbian, Rosebud* and *Came Out, it Rained, Went Back in Again.*

It is so rare to find lesbians defining themselves in such a powerful medium as film, that it is difficult not to feel swallowed up by images, sound, movement and interactions over which we have no control—we just react.

As a strong and proud dyke who is trying to defeminize myself as much as possible, I was greatly concerned and offended by the overwhelming portrayal of overtly feminine lesbians in the last two abovementioned films. How many lesbians look or want to look like heterosexual "beauty queens"? Almost all of the sexual/fantasy scenes were of conventionally attractive, thin, able-bodied, made up, white "lesbians." This is especially harmful to butch, disabled, and fat-oppressed dykes, as well as ethnic and racially oppressed dykes who do not "fit the standard" manufactured by privileged white, Christian men. Not to mention that *any* sexual scene can be viewed by non-lesbians for voyeuristic thrills.

There were many positive factors in *Thank God I'm a Lesbian*, including racial, ethnic and age diversity, yet I disagree with a bisexual claiming a lesbian identity and subsequently diluting the political meaning and reality of lesbianism. As an anti-sado-masochism dyke, I was offended by the pretense of open-mindedness concerning the issue. While the lesbians in the film voiced mixed opinions of S/M, frequent footage of S/M scenes was shown. (It is interesting how two lesbians of color—of African descent and Aboriginal—found S/M ethically and historically abhorrent, while some of the white lesbians could only abstractly theorize about it.)

To sum up, yes we need more of our lesbian reality reflected, but I reject S/M, bisexuality and femininity as being portrayed as part of lesbian identity. Assimiliation equals death, not acceptance.

Rachel Rosen
Oakland

Choice for Lesbians

On a recent trip to San Francisco I had a wonderful visit, but was surprised by the lack of choices that lesbians have to spend an evening out with friends. In the city that may well have the largest population of lesbians in the world, there are few public places for us to gather.

Instead of just complaining about the situation, I am fortunate enough to be able to do something about it. I am opening a new dance club for women on Saturday nights. All of the women I've spoken to about this are thrilled. They know there really isn't a women's bar in town, and there is only one Saturday night club.

Unfortunately the promoters of other women's gathering places are feeling threatened. Although they serve only a fraction of the lesbian population, they are threatened that on Saturday nights, thousands of lesbians will have a third choice of a place to go out dancing.

I've been threatened with a war (of dance clubs?), my employees have been harassed on the street, and one was even called at home by someone impersonating a police officer and threatened with arrest.

Our community is diverse and we celebrate that diversity. The religious right shows only the most sensational elements of our community, and wants the world to believe it represents all of us. Promoters of two local clubs want us to believe that they can meet the needs of all the Bay Area's lesbians. It's simply not true.

Royce's is a club for sophisticated women; for professional women; for women who want to get dressed up, put on their dancing shoes, have a fun evening out with their friends and support lesbian businesses. Royce's, which opened May 15, will serve many lesbians who are not being served by the current clubs.

There are enough lesbians to fill many clubs. Let's work together to make our community stronger and more cohesive, and not spend our energy threatening each other. We have enough enemies outside our community. Let's not make their job easier by destroying each other.

Lauren Royce
San Francisco

Change Not Cooptation

I am alarmed at the extent to which the gay/lesbian/bi/trans/queer community has accepted equal rights for open gay and lesbian members of the military as our highest political priority. Certainly I agree that we deserve equal opportunity in the military and all other institutions, but I think there are some very serious dangers in making this kind of demand without some major qualifications, and in concentrating almost exclusively on equal opportunity before the law, or mere "gay rights."

This issue raises fundamental questions about our purpose as a movement. Is our goal merely to eliminate the formal barriers which restrict our participation in corporate and governmental life? Or is our goal fundamental social change? Even if our goal is merely the elimination of restrictions on our participation in existing institutions (and I hope it isn't), the experience of the civil rights movement in the struggle for racial justice proves that even the elimination of racist laws and policies failed to end the far more damaging practice of informal bigotry. Thus it is doubtful that we can eliminate the restrictions we face without basic social change.

From my perspective, the mere participation of openly lesbian and gay people in otherwise unchanged military and corporate institutions does not amount to basic social change—it amounts to cooptation. I was horrified recently to see that the most influential gay and lesbian organizations in the nation had banded together under the banner of the Campaign for Military Service. What has become of our movement? How can it be that, far from demanding an end to all repression, we are demanding admission to one of the most repressive institutions in the country?

If we are in favor of real social change, we cannot condone restrictive policies, but neither can we fail to challenge repressive institutions. I am very much aware that economic and racial injustice leaves little choice for many working class queers and queers of color but to join the military. If we want real social change, we must condemn the militarization of the United States, the military's historic role in supporting injustice overseas, and the lack of alternatives for less privileged queers (and non-queers) at the same time that we condemn homophobic policies within this otherwise abhorrent institution.

Whether we support fundamental social change

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Damn Lesbians on the Warpath: Roberta's Rough Road To Washington

by Tim Kingston

The closer Roberta Achtenberg gets to being confirmed as an Assistant Secretary of Housing, the more paranoid her closest backers get—despite the apparent inevitability of her confirmation. While every congressional source contacted is confident she will be confirmed, arch-fiend Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has still managed to force a full debate on her nomination, which should be wrapping up just as *SF Bay Times* hits the streets.

Barring a sudden panicky defection by moderate Republicans nervous about their right flank, or unexpected treachery by southern Democrats, Achtenberg will be confirmed as an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development—the first out lesbian to hold such a high-ranking position in any presidential administration.

Jesse Helms' obstructionist tactics have succeeded in turning a pro-forma vote on Achtenberg's confirmation into a full-scale day-and-a-half debate on the issue, which began on May 19. But, several Capitol Hill sources say Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell (D-Maine) has lined up 62 votes for Achtenberg's nomination. That is two votes more than necessary to force a cloture to prevent a Helms' filibuster, and that is also 11 votes more than the 51votes needed to approve her nomination.

"Even Helms does not say he has the votes to defeat Roberta," says Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-SF). Sen. Helms office did not return *SF Bay Times*' calls.

Still, sources close to Achtenberg are panicky. After two weeks of "Damn Lesbian" attacks and allegations from Sen. Helms that Achtenberg is single-handedly out to destroy all that is good and true in America in general and the Boy Scouts in particular, jangled nerves are understandable.

Achtenberg could not be located for comment. The only statement out of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was, "There will be no interviews with Roberta Achtenberg until she is officially on board."

Eric Rosenthal, political director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), says, "We feel pretty confident that once we get to a vote, we will be OK." But he warns *anything* can happen on the Hill. "The Senate is like trying to get your hands around a jellyfish. When you think you have got it in your hands, it squishes out."

Despite the negative campaigning by Helms, including "highlights" of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and— *horrors!*—pictures of Achtenberg kissing her partner Judge Mary Morgan, Rep. Pelosi remains confident

Achtenberg will get through unscathed.

"The American people are fair-minded and there is a price to pay with the public for going after someone for their sexual orientation," says Pelosi. She believes Helms' politicking will backfire, and adds, "I think the senators are beginning to catch on that she should be judged on her qualifications—and not make an issue of her orientation."

DOIN' THE DANCE OF JESSE: THE FAR-RIGHT ROADSHOW

But making an issue of Achtenberg's sexual orientation is precisely what the religious right has been doing. Not necessarily because of who Achtenberg is, but what she represents.

"For Jesse, and the religious right in general, Roberta Achtenberg's appointment is insignificant," declared Scott Nakagawa, of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Fight The Right Project. "It is [merely] an opportunity for them to perform for their constituency."

For Helms and the christian right, Achtenberg is also a financial boon. Pat Robertson's 700 Club, Jerry Falwell and, of course, Sen. Helms' "Congressional Club" have been raking up contributions from their attacks on Achtenberg.

Helms' campaign against Achtenberg serves, first, to prove to his constituents that he is doing a good job in protecting God, truth and the American way. Second, the attacks create a far-right umbrella in the Senate under which conservative Republican senators can go after Achtenberg, without appearing to be quite as insane as Helms. Finally, his attacks serve as a warning to moderates in the Republican party.

Nakagawa explains, "When Jesse stands up and says, 'I am doing this; the Republicans who rely on the right wing will feel it,' this puts many Republicans in a dilemma." Nakagawa says many party members realize their association with the far right hurts them. But many of their most committed volunteers are also members of the christian right. Thus, to anger them could mean being abandoned at best, or, at worst, could mean being targeted by the christian right. "They do not constitute the majority of Republican voters, but they are highly motivated, and nobody wants to be targeted by activists that are highly motivated," notes Nakagawa.

For Phyllis Lyon, a founder of Daughter of Bil-

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itis, and one of the first lesbian activists ever, seeing Achtenberg in front of the Senate Banking Committee was a huge boost for lesbian visibility. "It is amazing. It was wonderful. And it is enough to make you want to slit someone's throat in terms of the attacks on Roberta Achtenberg."

"Nothing like this has ever happened to our community before in terms of her being appointed," says Lyon. "The way she is handling it shows what a strong person she is."

ROBERTA'S NEW POWER BLOC GETS MOVING

What is unique about Achtenberg's nomination are the alliances that are being forged and utilized to back her up. Much of Achtenberg's strongest support on the Hill comes from female Democratic senators, civil rights groups, housing groups and—behind the scenes— the Clinton administration. All are united in an effort to counteract the right 'swing barrage of calls and letters opposing her nomination.

"[Sen.] Barbara Boxer is leading the fight on this and will be leading the fight for Roberta's confirmation every step of the way," says Boxer spokeswoman Linda Morrison. "We are fairly confident that we can block a [Helms] filibuster."

As home-state senators on the issue, it is no surprise that Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Boxer are heavily involved in lobbying for Achtenberg. Sneakers-Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash) and Sen. Carole Mosely-Braun (D-Ill.) have also been stomping the Capitol ro drum up support for Achtenberg's nomination. "I expect you will see a considerable presence from women Democratic senators when the nomination comes up."

Meanwhile in the House, Pelosi, Reps. Gerry Studds (D-Mass) and Barney Frank (D-Mass) have been doing what they can. "I troubleshoot," says Pelosi. "Basically we are lobbying the senators.... You talk to the people you know so they are not menaced by this—'She is my constituent; I can vouch for her credentials.' " says Pelosi.

The D.C. lesbian/gay lobbying groups have also been active—HRCF, NGLTF and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund have all been busy. "We have been making calls and contacting senators offices trying to determine where everyone is," says Tim McFeeley, executive director of HRCF. "We... have been trying to strategize with the White House to make sure she gets the support she deserves."

McFeeley says until Helms started going ballistic, the strategy was to quietly lobby and let the appointment take its course. "But, when Helms... denounced her, the whole thing changed."

When it became plain that Senate negotiations to limit debate over Achtenberg's nomination had broken down on May 19, both the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the NAACP swung into action. NOW has activated calls to its state organizations, and has launched a national telephone and telegram operation to help Achtenberg.

Wade Henderson, director of the NAACP's Washington bureau, says, "We have sent telegrams up to the Hill along with several other civil rights organizations." Henderson says the NAACP is also activating its lobbying networks in some states. He also noted that the National Council of La Raza has activated its own lobbying network in support of Achtenberg.

Torie Osborne, executive director of the NGLTF, is so confident of victory that she declares, "By getting personally involved I do see this as a defeat for [Helms]. The strong support for Roberta Achtenberg's candidacy—for this wonderful lesbian leader—and the strong show of support the president has continued to show for her appointment is really a sign of the increasing power and visibility of the lesbian/gay movement. [Helms] lost this one."

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While the D.C. types are optimistic, San Franciscans are a little jaundiced in their analysis. Roma Guy of the Women's Building says the Clinton administration's policy is placatory: i.e., "We will win in the end. Be nice." Says Guy,

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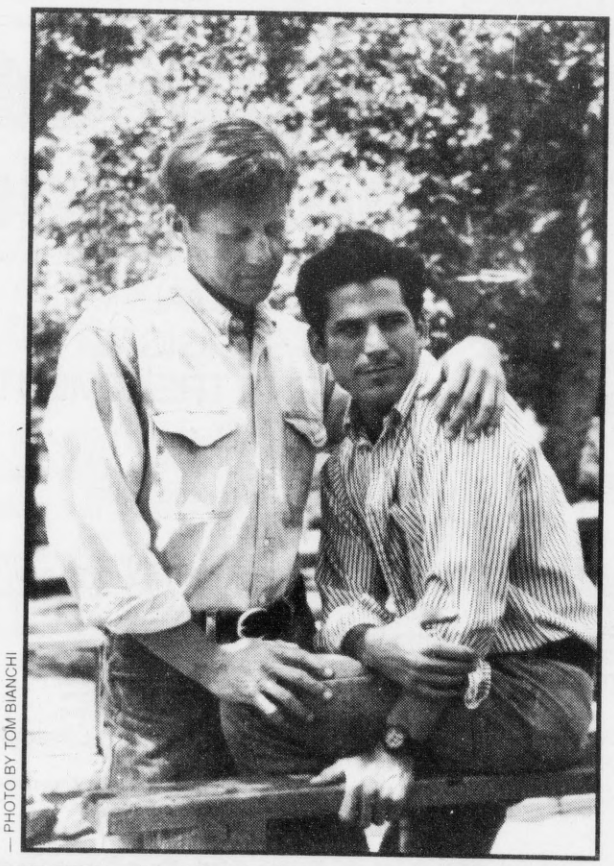

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The State Budget/Round One: AIDS Funding Menaced

by Tim Kingston

"Duh..." Gov. Wilson ponders how to fix the state's finances. Photo by Rink

The battle over California's state budget is already getting dirty—and weird. Over 250 AIDS activists, advocates and PWAs rallied outside the state Capitol on May 10 to howl their rage at a proposal to lop $1.7 billion out of the health budget alone. That chop would eliminate *all* $55 million of AIDS funding for California. The weird part is that the cut was proposed by a Senate subcommittee controlled by the Democrats, with Tim Leslie (R-Roseville) the sole Republican of the three-member budget committee voting against the proposed budget slash.

Apparently the purpose of the subcommittee vote was to go to the brink, to sound an alarm to the public about the massive health cuts imminent in this year's budget.

"Basically, the message that the Legislature is giving us is: If you want these programs, you are going to have to fight for them," warns Elise Parker of AIDS Project Los Angeles. "We are talking about the Senate subcommittee eliminating *all* programs for HIV—which is not as much of an unreality as people think. And then on the Assembly side, they are talking about entitlement cuts, cuts to Medi-cal, cuts to SSI/SSP. Hopefully there will be some kind of compromise between houses."

Sweltering protesters stood outside the Capitol, in addition to a couple hundred Life AIDS lobbyists inside the Capitol—all determined to send the message that AIDS-funding cuts will not be tolerated. "We are trying to...give a very clear message to the Legislature here: that any kind of cuts to AIDS funding in the middle of an epidemic are totally unacceptable," says Bob Nelson, direct services and AIDS housing coordinator of Catholic Charities, and an organizer of the demonstration.

"It is death dominos," says Matt Sharp, of ACT UP/Golden Gate. "The state budget affects the city budget. Cuts in the state budget directly affect what the City gets in terms of its budget. When there is nothing coming from the state, it will directly effect the deficit the City has, making it twice as bad."

"[The cuts] would devastate most AIDS services and indigent services in the state," warns Nelson. "I think it is, frankly, part of the budget negotiations process right now to play these little games that they are going to cut all these essential services. It forces people like us to come here and make a lot of noise."

The Rev. Yvette Flunder of the San Francisco Arc of Love Church urged the multi-hued crowd of demonstrators on, declaring, "The numbers [of PWAs] are going up, and the money is going down! We believe in the squeaky wheel theory. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. And the noisy people get the money!" Noisy they were. The 250-plus demonstrators sounded more like 500 as they lustily bellowed, "No AIDS Budget Cuts!"

It was a boisterous day all around the state Capitol. The other side of the building was staked out by thousands of irate community college students, whose state education funds are also facing the chop. Stone-faced legislators and politicians carefully picked their way through both demonstrations with expressions of pained distaste.

The feeling was mutual.

"Here we are again," declared an exasperated Matt Sharp. "Another year, and the groups that fight for access to health and mental health care have to come and shout in order to get the attention of the makers of public policy."

Sharp adds, "Why is it that the real needs of the people—better health care, community mental health clinics, life-prolonging AIDS drugs, AIDS prevention counseling and testing—are the first to suffer when the shortsighted governor and Legislature begin to wield their red pens across the state budget?"

"The people that we speak for today are the least powerful of California's millions," says Sharp. "Yet they are the people most in need of services from a state government and a public health system that, through a decade of Republican governors, has consistently slashed away at the portion of the state budget that provides services to these people."

If the proposed cuts are approved, it is not just state funding that will suffer, says Regina Aragon of the SF AIDS Foundation. According to Aragon, $17.2 million of federal Ryan White Title II monies will be lost. Budget cuts will send state AIDS funding plummeting below the $76 million eligibility base for Ryan White funding. In many counties, Title II funds are the only revenue available for AIDS prevention and education.

Patricia Dunn, one of the rally's organizers and a member of the Bay Area HIV Advocacy Network, listed the impact if the subcommittee proposal is passed by the full budget committee: "There would be no early intervention services for people. There would be no confidential and anonymous testing. There would be no education and prevention education services. There would be no funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which means that people without health insurance couldn't get the drugs they need."

ESSENTIAL MANIPULATION? OR PLAYING CHICKEN WITH PWAs' LIVES?

According to John Miller, budget analyst for State Sen. Diane Watson (D-L.A.), sounding the alarm was precisely the intention of senators Watson and Mike Thompson (D-Napa), who both

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voted to slash the health budget on May 3.

"Their action illustrates how terrible these circumstances are, and something needs to be done," says Miller. "That is what they were demonstrating when they took that vote."

Miller says the controversial vote was a result of the budget subcommittee being asked by the full budget committee to absorb $1.7 billion in cuts, roughly 47 percent of all the cuts being proposed to balance the entire state budget. The subcommittee consists of senators Watson, Thompson and Leslie.

Watson and Thompson argue that it is unreasonable to shift such a heavy financial burden to local health programs. In what appears to be a strategic move they tried to both mitigate—and sabotage—the full budget committees request. Democrats Watson and Thompson retaliated with protected funding for federally mandated programs such as SSI/SSP, Medi-Cal, AFDC, adoption, mental health and children's services, but nothing else. "That accounted for all the money there is," says Miller. As a result AIDS funding and many other programs that are not federally mandated face the axe. Miller says, "The members of the committee felt it was hypocritical to go through the motions to hear all the other [testimony] for programs for money that does not exist."

By reserving federally mandated funds and putting everything else on the chopping board, Democrats on the subcommittee saw the vote as an attempt to turn up the political heat and make the public aware that important health care funding will be imperiled in this year's budget negotiations—unless citizens start screaming, now.

Despite the catastrophic implications of the subcommittee's drastic recommendation, Miller denies the dramatic vote was a case of budget brinksmanship. Instead, he says, "This is a demonstration of how serious the circumstances are."

On the other side of the aisle, Republican Sen. Leslie's office was less than thrilled by the vote which put him in the position of opposing the budget cuts. Leslie aide Roger Wildermuth explains that what the May 3 motion actually did was "approve a list of top priority items and put all the rest [including AIDS funding] in a kind of limbo." Wildermuth adds, "It was implied at the time that anything in that 'limbo' was going to be cut."

While the two Democrats' vote was overt and designed to attract public support for health funding, Sen. Leslie, an arch conservative with ties to the Christian Right, preferred a more insidious approach: zero-based budgeting. That process would have allowed the budget subcommittee to slash politically weak programs. Senators Watson and Thompson pre-empted that budgetary process by voting to prioritize federally mandated programs. This, in effect, temporarily halted all subcommittee discussion of specific budget cuts—and allowed a pause for public input.

Sen. Leslie was not, however, the only one unhappy with the subcommittee's decision.

"It is, in my mind, sick and obscene to be using people's lives as a bartering strategy."

PERVERSE PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY?

Progressives and lesbian/gay/bisexual activists were also angry with the subcommittee's May 3 vote. "Totally bizarre," was how Laurie McBride, director of the Life AIDS Lobby, described the proposal to cut $1.7 billion overall and slash $55 million of AIDS funding. "If I was going to do this as a ploy, a tactic, I would have made as much noise about it as possible," she says.

But McBride, like almost everyone else, did not hear about the issue until the last minute. "Why didn't they tell anyone!? Most of the senators had no idea it happened. No one in the Assembly had heard of it. If it was a ploy, dramatize it! Wave it from the rafters! Don't just do it and not tell anyone!"

McBride is still bouncing off the walls over the tactic. "That was the outrage...that they would callously use PWAs and PWA advocates, that they would use us in such a crass manner."

The vote did get protesters up to Sacramento. But at what price? asked Life AIDS Lobby legislative aide Robert Rios, who was also at the Capitol protesting. "This was a strategy move, and I am really afraid that it will backfire. One of my concerns is that it gives really AIDS-phobic and homophobic legislators something to hide behind," says Rios. "If Dianne Watson, a liberal Democrat from L.A. can vote to cut AIDS funding, then what would stop a conservative Republican asshole from voting to cut AIDS?"

John Miller disagreed, saying, "This action was not directed at the AIDS population at all. Many potential groups were affected: the elderly, cancer victims, etc."

Miller says, "This was a serious response to a very widespread problem. It was not seen by any of us as focused or principally directed at AIDS patients. I don't have any comment about [other legislators'] attitudes toward gays, but this was a health budget issue that is much wider than AIDS."

The decision still leaves Rios angry. "They know we have no choice but to lobby...It is, in my mind, sick and obscene to be using people's lives as a bartering strategy. It is unacceptable for them to have eliminated AIDS programs, even as a ploy. It is unacceptable."

TAXATION AS REPRESENTATION

"It is about politics, and it is about money," boomed State Sen. Art Torres to the assembled demonstrators. "I just finished talking to the community college students, and the bottom line is that 72 percent of California voters said...keep the ½ cent sales tax alive in California, because it would help the budget."

In an emphatic plea to save needed services, Torres said the 1/2 cent sales tax alone brings in $1.4 billion. Torres also called for the elimination of the business lunch deduction, which, he says, could raise $100 million a year that could go to health care. "We are not even talking about taxing the rich! We are talking about keeping the basic elements of service available for people who are in pain and hurting."

Torres was not the only one who raised the dread "T" word. ACT UP/GG's Sharp not only demanded that the subcommittee reverse its threat to cut AIDS funding, but he also demanded that AIDS funding be significantly increased. Sharp pointed out that during the first two years of Wilson's administration and the last two years of Gov. Deukmejian's AIDS cases have skyrocketed 60 percent while AIDS funding levels decreased. Specifically, Sharp demanded an increase of $7 million for AIDS prevention and education services, $5 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the addition of DDC, acyclovir and foscarnet to the ADAP program.

Such tax and funding increases are not unreasonable, but politicians fear they are unpopular. According to a briefing statement for AIDS Budget Lobby Day participants, state spending on AIDS prevention education dropped in real dollars by over a million. When adjusted to the California Consumer Price index this becomes a 22 percent reduction. The current allotment provides only 50 cents per Californian for AIDS prevention, when the lifetime care and treatment costs for one person with AIDS are about $102,000.

"We are playing a game of chicken, and we are wondering who's going to blink first."

Gerald Lenior, of the Black Coalition on AIDS, thinks it will be possible to reverse some of the proposed AIDS funding cuts. But, he is "not sure we will be able to reverse all of it. Where it will be hardest hit will be AIDS education and prevention, which is very short-sighted." Lenior says funding at current levels for most programs will probably be retained, but he adds, "I don't see us winning much in terms of increases."

Rios offers a similarly guarded analysis. "We are playing a game of chicken, and we are wondering who's going to blink first." Rios thinks it will be Wilson. "[He] has opened the door a crack for a roll-over budget, for rolling over some of this $10 million deficit into next year. I think he could be persuaded on the sales tax extension."

While Rios thinks that Wilson is amenable to pressure and negotiation, due to his low standing in the polls, Rios is worried about the Republicans in the Assembly. "[They] are going to be the sticking point" because the Assembly Republicans can block any budget from being passed. Onward to round two of the budget brawl in Sacramento. ✿

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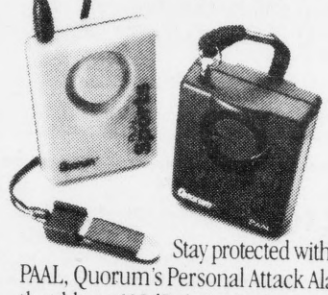

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Shanti Project's Housing Department Goes to Another Agency

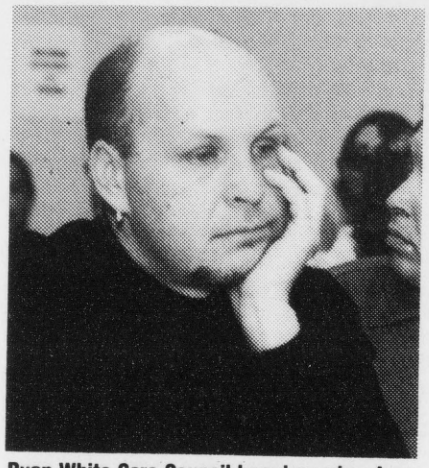
by Tim Kingston

In a surprise May 10 announcement, Dr. Mitch Katz, director of the SF AIDS Office, told the Ryan White Planing council that "the AIDS office [will] work collaboratively with Shanti to move its existing housing contracts to another provider." The unexpected revelation means that Shanti Project will relinquish its City housing contracts, which now serve about 250 people with AIDS. If all proceeds accordingly, the $1.2 million worth of housing contracts now held by Shanti Project will be handed over to another nonprofit agency by late summer or early fall this year.

While *SF Bay Times* could not reach Dr. Katz for comment, Dr. Sandra Hernandez, Deputy Director of Health for Community Public Health Services and AIDS, says, "The board of directors of Shanti really did some serious soul-searching about their long-term viability as an agency... They have decided, as a board, it is in the best interests of the agency and housing services [in the City] to put housing in another contractual arrangement."

Dr. Hernandez adds, "This is not a fast track... We do not want to destabilize people's existing living arrangements."

"There is a certain inevitability about it," says Shanti board member Rev. Yvette Flunder. "Because housing contracts are so expensive, we would have some difficulty with financing and capital expenditure and purchasings," if Shanti were to keep the housing contracts. She also noted that AIDS housing contracts would probably be easier to get financed if not associated with Shanti—an agency that is embroiled in controversy, including an ongoing DPH audit and investigation.



Ryan White Care Council board member Jerry William, contemplating Shanti's precarious finances. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

According to Rev. Flunder, Shanti's board of directors decided it was in the best interests of the agency to move the housing contracts; the decision was then accepted by the SF AIDS office. But some sources suggest discussion of the decision on the Shanti board was not without controversy. "The decision has not been made about when or where they will be moved, nor the configuration for the move. We are still waiting to see how that will shake down," says Rev. Flunder.

For some, the decision to spin off Shanti's housing contracts was not entirely unexpected, due to Shanti's precarious financial status and the controversy over its internal administrative practices.

Ongoing investigations into Shanti's internal affairs indicate the agency owes the Department of Public Health over $311,000. The board has promised to pay that sum in approximately one year. According to Dr. Katz's May 10 report, Shanti is projected to have an overall debt of $109,000 for 1992-93, as a result of the paybacks to the City. With such outstanding debts, the board believes the burden of maintaining capital-intensive housing programs is simply too much for the agency to handle.

"The situation is such that it is not realistic to carry on," says one off-the-record board member. "We thought the best thing we could do is facilitate the process for staff and clients by beginning to explore who could fulfill the contract."

The new executive director of Shanti Project, Paul Lambros, however, downplayed the significance of the decision, saying, "Nothing has been agreed upon." He stressed the decision was simply a go-ahead to investigate the *possibility* of spinning-off the housing contracts. "My concern here is that...service to clients is in no way interrupted," says Lambros.

"We are concerned about our staffing," Lambros adds, "We want to make sure that they still have jobs. But the primary goal is no interruption of services for clients."

RYAN WHITE REACTIONS

Dr. Katz's announcement about the Shanti housing contracts came as a bolt from the blue for some on the Ryan White Care Council. Yet others saw it as an almost inevitable outcome of the fiscal and administrative shortcomings at Shanti which have come to light in the last three months.

"I was definitely surprised" by the Shanti board's decision, states planning council member Laura Thomas. "They were very willing to spin off housing and get their house in order. I thought that was a very responsible decision on their part."

Kent McDonald, another planning council member, says, "This is a good opportunity to rethink how we deliver housing services in the City. Rather than it being a disaster, we can look at it positively."

McDonald thinks it is high time to evaluate the necessity and/or benefit of having a single agency in the City deliver housing services needed by PWAs. "Do we want to transfer the Shanti program en masse to another agency, or do we want to split it up?"

Planning council member Jerry Windley was not surprised by Shanti's move and says he "somewhat expected [the transfer] to happen" due to Shanti's outstanding debts to the DPH and the ongoing audit. Windley, responding to several Shanti clients and employees who attended the May 10 meeting, said the planning council has no intention of cutting services. But, he adds, "We are the ones that have to deal with the problems that were created by poor administration at Shanti. The clients should be mad at the executive directors and boards of directors who fuck up."

Windley adds, "I really want to get the message out there, that the planning council will not cut services. We were created to *expand* services."

SO WHO GETS TO CARRY THE CAN?

Of course, if Shanti is not going to be administering the estimated $1.2 million of city housing contracts for people with HIV and AIDS, who is? And how will they do it?

According to Dr. Katz's report, any agency hoping to take over the Shanti housing contract will have to meet specific criteria. The qualifying agency must have experience with other housing programs; it must complete a federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) audit, and have sufficient cash flow to handle housing programs; and, it must have a demonstrated commitment by their board of directors to housing programs.

These requirements narrow the field greatly, particularly considering that the contracts are specifically aimed at people with AIDS and HIV. As far as PWA housing experience, the requirements restrict the available field to the SF AIDS Foundation, Catholic Charities, and Visitation Valley Hospice by the Bay.

Yet the three prime suspects are somewhat skittish about the possibility of taking over Shanti's housing contracts. Pat Christen, director of the AIDS Foundation, says, "There are many, many questions to be asked and answered before the Foundation would be in a position to accept these contracts, and these programs. Right now, it is a long shot."

Bob Nelson of Catholic Charities says, "We are not in a position to take on that many housing units at one gulp. I don't think, at this point in the agency's history, it is on the cards."

Ellen Hardke, housing director of Hospice by the Bay, and former director of housing at Shanti—who blew the whistle on the agency's administrative faux pas—says, "I don't know of anyone approaching us, and I don't know that we would be interested in taking it over." Hardke adds, "The only thing that may complement our services is the 24-hour care house. But, I would not say we are interested in their contracts."

Other possible contenders include CARITAS, which is the housing management team of the Mission Housing Development Corporation; TODCO, (Tenants and Owners in Opposition to Development), which owns and operates most of the subsidized housing around Moscone Center; and John Stewart Company, Northern California's largest nonprofit housing company.

MEGA-AGENCY OR DECENTRALIZATION

San Francisco now stands at somewhat of a crossroads as far as AIDS housing goes. The City can either continue with a more decentralized housing policy, with the Shanti contracts being split up among several agencies, or it can head toward the single mega-multi-service agency

Dr. Sandra Hernandez, Dept. Director of Health for Community Public Services. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

structure that exists both in Los Angeles with the AIDS Project LA, and New York City with Gay Men's Health Crisis.

"There are good and bad [aspects] to both" structures, says Thomas of the planning council. Currently, it appears that the AIDS office is leaning toward maintaining the organizational integrity of the Shanti Housing unit by transferring the entire lot—staff, clients and buildings—to a new agency, so that the experience and cohesiveness of the Shanti programs may be maintained. Whatever happens, it will happen slowly. As Windley says, "I don't want to see Shanti have a contract one week and another agency get it the next—without a lot of thought and planning."

Rev. Flunder adds a reassessment is needed concurrent with any transfer or reorganization of Shanti housing contracts. "We should take a good look at the demography and ethnography of people who are homeless and have HIV and AIDS. Then we need to push the new contractors, as well as the AIDS office, to make sure that certain guarantees are figured into the real needs of the homeless."

Rev. Flunder states, "I don't want to see people with adequate housing moving into better housing when there are tons who don't have housing at all. That really concerns me. And many of those people, if not most of them, are people of color." ✿

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Marj Plumb Resigns From Lyon-Martin Clinic and On Our Backs Magazine Temporarily Lays Off Staff

by Val C. Phoenix

There's room at the top at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. After three-and-a-half years as executive director of the agency, Marj Plumb gave notice April 29 and will leave at the end of July. The board is seeking a replacement for her.

LMWHS Board chair Pam Beach says she is sorry to see Plumb go. "She has truly been a great leader for the clinic. She has taken the clinic to a whole new level."

Plumb cites both personal and professional reasons for the move. Her lover lives in New York, and she is heading for the East Coast to seek opportunities in public policy or community organizing. She does admit the strain of administrative responsibilities played a part in her decision. "Changes in health care reform and contracting take up so much of my time. I'm more interested in direct service work."

She leaves LMWHS considerably larger than she found it. The budget has grown from $250,000 to $1 million, with staff and programs quadrupling as well. Plumb expressed pride in expansion of programs and client services to include an HIV program for prevention and testing, as well as a smoking cessation program. The number of clients served jumped from 800 to 10,000, thanks largely to outreach programs.

While both Plumb and Beach said the agency is on firm financial ground, both expressed concern about the worsening financial picture for non-profits in general and health care financing in specific. One $22,000 contract LMWHS has with the Dept. of Public Health is on the block in the city's continuing budget-go-round, and the agency has already lost 30 percent of its United Way funding for next year.

In addition, grants are not as forthcoming as in the past and private donations are harder to find. LMWHS had to suspend its smoking cessation program in February after losing its grant. The clinic will seek other funding sources, says Plumb, and is committed to finding alternate funding sources for all its programs should it lose any further grants. Though its private fundraising effort increased from $25,000 to $120,000 last year, Plumb described private fundraising as a challenge.

Moreover, the next director will need to adapt to the changed health care picture sure to result from the reforms being pitched on the local as well as national level. Plumb feels managed care and managed competition could be pitfalls for a non-profit like LMWHS, should the clinic not be able to hook up with a network.

Says Plumb, "A lot is going to depend on reform. Anything short of a single payer system will leave lesbians, gays, women and people of color in a precarious position, since it does not allow for a wide choice that would allow them to find a non-racist, non-sexist health care provider."

For these reasons, says Beach, the search committee, composed of herself, another board member and two staff members, is looking for a candidate with a good vision of women's health care as well as "someone who's familar with a very changing medical environment on a local and national basis." The committee is accepting resumes until June 18 and the board hopes to choose a replacement before Plumb leaves.

ON OUR BACKS

The lesbian sex magazine *On Our Backs* laid off its editorial staff on May 13 for a one-month period, and editor Marcy Sheiner resigned May 7. Assistant editor Shar Rednour confirmed to *SF Bay Times* that the magazine had instituted a temporary layoff affecting four staff members, including herself, and said it will be in effect for one month. "The July-August issue will be out on time," she said. "We will start back to work in June."

Rednour said the layoffs were the result of "just a financial crunch" attributable to a trickle-down effect of the recession finally catching up to the magazine. "Everybody was talking about the bad economy," she said, "and we were doing great, and then this springtime, it hit. I think it just took a while to get around to us."

Sheiner was not available for comment, but Rednour said the resignation was "very friendly" and that Sheiner had been planning to resign before the layoffs happened. "We are looking for a new editor," she said. "The magazine will continue to publish."

The layoffs are effective from May 17. Because they took effect after the deadline for the next issue, it will be out on time. However, the Sept.-Oct. issue may be affected. "We'll be scrambling a bit," says Rednour. ✿

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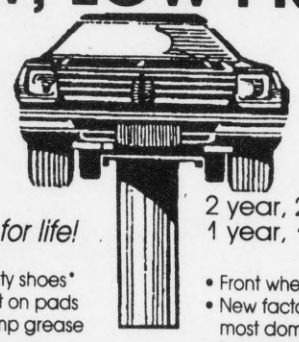

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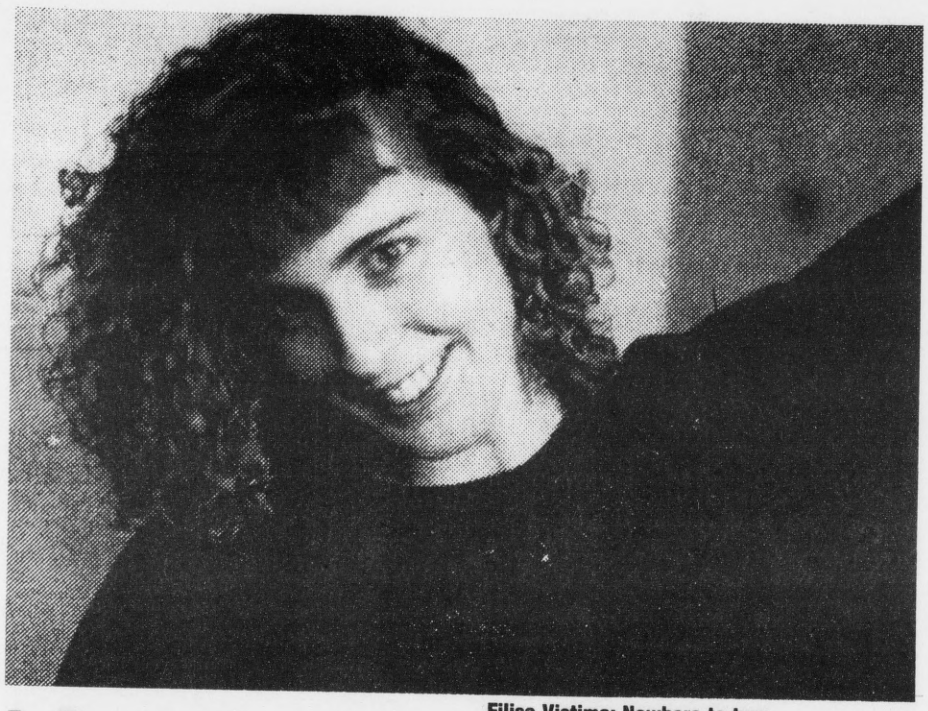

Filisa Vistima: Nowhere to turn.

I Accuse

Commentary by
Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan

"Filisa Vistima... took her own life Friday, March 5, 1993. She was 22."
—*Lesbian Resource Center Community News*, April issue

"Filisa Anna Vistima—our beloved gentle friend, has taken her life...."
—*Seattle Gay News* obituary, March 12

"Filisa was 22 years old when she killed herself...." —*LRC Community News*, May

Filisa Vistima didn't take her own life. Seattle's gay, lesbian and bisexual communities killed her.

Filisa was a male-to-female transsexual living in Seattle, on hormones and public assistance, scared and desperate. She requested that her journal be published posthumously, and the segments which ran in the May issue of the *LRC Community News* paint a horrifying picture of a young woman's tormented search to belong, especially horrifying to those of us who know first hand the self-loathing that is a hallmark of a transsexual's existence until the liberation of surgery.

Jan. 5, 1993: "I wish I was anatomically 'normal' so I could go swimming.... I would love to do that so much! But no, I'm a mutant, Frankenstein's monster."

Filisa wanted to leave Seattle to attend Evergreen College in Olympia, Wash. Her entry for Jan. 14 reads: "I received a letter from Evergreen today. It stated that they did not receive the transcripts... before their deadline.... Can I wait until fall to go to school? My hope for a potential niche has been obliterated."

Filisa even read *Sound Out*, the Olympian gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans 'zine: "I found a term to describe me while reading through a newspaper I got at Evergreen. The article used the term 'affectional orientation.' My affectional orientation is definitely toward women. My sexual orientation is 'theoretically bisexual'."

There was no niche for Filisa as a young bi woman, however. The national bi magazine *Anything That Moves* quoted Seattle Bisexual Women's Network's Lenore Norrgard several years ago: "If male-to-female transsexuals are allowed into SBWN, we will no longer be a women's group.... As far as support and 'learning' to be women goes, I'm sure the boys can take care of themselves."

J'accuse.

Then there was the matter of the *LRC Community News'* deplorable behavior last summer and fall when it published a letter from Maureen Brooks decrying the presence of transsexual lesbians, among others, at LRC. The board and then-editor Sally Clark encouraged additional letters on the topic and accepted and published a survey from Brooks that sought to define who LRC should limit access or services to. Imagine the effect of all this on Filisa—she was the LRC volunteer who did data entry.

J'accuse.

The gay/lesbian bookstores in Seattle wouldn't dream of carrying blatantly racist, anti-Semitic or homophobic materials, yet you can find on their shelves any number of anti-transsexual, hatemongering bigots like Mary Daly (who labels us "Frankensteinian"), Janice Raymond ("I contend that the problem of transsexualism would best be served by morally mandating it out of existence"), and Lenore Norrgard and Walter Williams' anti-transsexual diatribe in *The Spirit and the Flesh*. You certainly won't find in those bookstores volumes such as Serena Nanda's *The Hijras of India*, which shows changing sex to be an ancient cross-cultural phenomenon.

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Seattle's State Representative Cal Anderson's annual bill to extend civil rights protection to queers is carefully limited to "sexual orientation" as "heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual," leaving transsexuals to fend for themselves.

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From Filisa's entry for Feb. 5, 1993: "I need a plan, otherwise I will go mad.... Maybe in this life I was not destined to live long. I am too different; I cannot adapt. I have no future...."

For more than a decade I've watched the nation, the state and the gay and lesbian community mobilize and spend untold fortunes against AIDS while the infinitesimally small number of people like Filisa die just as surely as if they had AIDS because their life-and-death medical needs are ignored. But even neglect is not enough for the gay and lesbian community, which vociferously demands society act against AIDS yet was, and is still, silent when Janice Raymond collaborates with our common enemies by testifying to the Reagan Administration against federal funding for the surgery that would have saved Filisa's life.

J'accuse.

Nearly 100 years ago Emile Zola wrote: "It is a crime to misdirect public opinion and to pervert it to the extent it becomes demented. It is a crime to poison small and empty minds, to arouse intolerance and reaction through the exhalation of that miserable anti-Semitism..." and what was true of French anti-Semitism then is as true today of the leading lesbian theorists who condemn transsexuals as the patriarchy's "final solution" to women while encouraging storm trooper actions such as the physical ejection of Nancy Burkholder from the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival in 1991 for the offense of being transsexual.

Every gay, lesbian and bisexual who remains silent in the face of such anti-transsexual bigotry is guilty of complicity in Filisa's death. As Zola wrote: "My duty is to speak; I do not wish to be an accomplice."

And lastly, to those of us who know from personal experience what it is to be young and poor and desperate for surgery, yet who afterward can't be bothered to freely give of our experience and experience:

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We, whose lives have been saved because we were fortunate enough to obtain surgery, have a sacred duty to do all that we can to save the lives of other young women like us. Filisa was young enough to be my daughter, the child that I never had. At her age, unable to believe I could ever accomplish anything, I chose to perform surgery on myself and nearly bled to death in the process. How many of us have actually bled to death or died of infection or, like Filisa, been killed by the accumulated cruelties—because we who should know better don't care enough to help, or because of others' acquiescence in our oppression, or their downright persecution?

Filisa's body is being buried under the male name she rejected. It would have been a simple enough thing to help her change at least her name while she was alive. But we don't deserve even that comfort.

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Filisa's suicide note requested that her journal be published. At the time of her death Filisa was in the process of becoming a student at the Evergeen State College; for that reason people are being requested to write to the Lesbian Resource Center (1208 East Pine, Seattle, WA 98122), to urge that Filisa's journal be donated to the college library so that in at least that respect her desire to become a part of the Evergreen community will be honored.

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Save the Rape Treatment Center

SAN FRANCISCO - Faced with proposed city budget cuts that threaten the Rape Treatment Center, a nationwide model for the care of rape survivors, members of the Women's Action Coalition (WAC) have begun a campaign to save this much-needed service.

As part of this campaign, members testified before the San Francisco Health Commission on May 18. Proposed Department of Health cutbacks will completely eliminate coordinated services at the San Francisco General Rape Treatment Center, meaning that medical care, legal advocacy, free counseling, education and 24-hour crisis intervention will no longer be available to victims of rape. Instead, according to WAC, a rape survivor will be "swabbed and scraped for legal evidence—only if she's willing to file criminal charges—and will be advised to consult her private physician."

Carole Migden with Cal State Treasurer and candidate for governor Kathleen Brown, special guest at the May 6 benefit honoring Supervisor Migden. Photo by Rink

Bigotry's No Better The Second Time Around

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Love may be wonderful the second time around, but bigotry's never better, no matter how many rounds it goes. Just look at the congressional hearings on gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the military.

The second round of hearings into whether gays and lesbians are fit to serve in the military got under way with the usual barrage of bigotry from our esteemed legislators. Then there were the utterances from military personnel themselves.

A retired Army lieutenant, C.A.H. Waller, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that allowing gays and lesbians into the services would make them "second-rate." He also decried "openly avowed homosexuals" who want to "foist their lifestyle upon soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines."

Ironically, this same lieutenant, in replying to Mary Ann Humphrey, an Army reserve captain canned for being a dyke, wrote, "I trust that you and all of the other individuals who have experienced such discrimination will one day have your day in court. It appears that society is about to accept that every person should have the freedom and privileges that are granted under our great Constitution. Keep the faith." How many sides of his mouth can Waller speak from?

Marine Col. Fred Peck surprised the hearing when he announced that his oldest son was gay and yet he still opposed the lifting of the ban. Peck said that he wouldn't want his own son to be admitted into the military. "I spent 27 years of my life in the military, and I know what it would be like for him if he went in. And it would be hell," Peck told the committee.

Peck's son, Scott, disagrees with daddy on the issue. Incidentally, Col. Peck revealed his son's homosexuality only a few hours after the boy came out to him. Why did the younger Peck come out? Because, according to Scott, "gay activist groups would have leaked information to the press to embarrass my father."

Meanwhile, Senate Armed Forces Chair Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) is recommending a policy of "don't ask, don't tell," in which gays and lesbians can serve in the military as long as they remain closeted. Which is no different than the way things are at present. The Campaign for Military Service, a gay/lesbian group supporting the lifting of the ban on gays/lesbians in the military, calls this policy "simply an attempt to wrap discrimination in a nicer package."

Surprisingly, the compromise is being considered by U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.). "The right of a Marine to declare his membership in the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and wear the appropriate insignia has never been part of this issue," Frank said. "We are not talking about people who are burning with the desire to announce their sexual orientation. That's not why you go into the military."

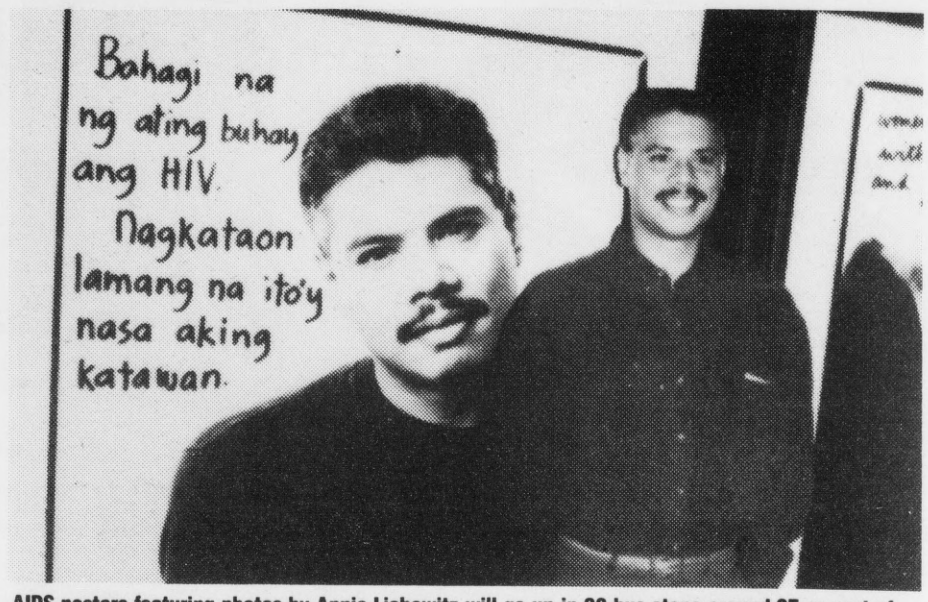
Queer Nation/D.C. is not pleased with Frank's position and staged a demo outside the congressmember's office to call for no compromise on the issue.

Finally, about 100 folks marched in Clarksville, Tenn., in favor of the ban against gays and lesbians in the military. This is the second year in a row the Mothers and Fathers for Moral Responsibility organized such an effort.

Israel Parade Goes Without Queers

NEW YORK - The Salute to Israel Parade got under way on Fifth Avenue on May 9 with 72,000 spectators and no gay/lesbian synagogue. The gay/lesbian synagogue, Beth Simchat Torah, held its own celebration, having been barred from the official one.

Beth Simchat Torah decided not to boycott or disrupt the official parade after its organizer, the American Zionist Youth Foundation, rejected it. The synagogue's rally was intended to keep the focus of the day on Israel, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum said. Addressing the queer rally, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said, "My own vote would have been for everybody to march and say, 'We'll argue tomorrow, today is Israel's day.' "



AIDS posters featuring photos by Annie Liebowitz will go up in 80 bus stops around SF as part of SF AIDS Foundation's early care campaign. Pictured: Fred Guisande stands in front of his poster.
Photo by Rink

Harvey Milk Club and GAPA members at a fundraiser for Los Angeles mayoral candidate Mike Woo (center). Photo by Rink

Hawaii Could Legalize Gay Marriage

HONULULU - The highest court of this island state says that there's no reason gays and lesbians can't marry members of the same sex. The ruling came May 5 in a 3-1 opinion that the current ban on same-sex nuptials may be unconstitutional, since marriage is a civil right.

While a final decision may be two years down the road, the ruling has produced a flurry of questions in the mainstream press, not the least of which is: Will other states have to honor a queer wedding in Hawaii?

On the one hand states are bound to honor each other's laws. Unless they violate public policy. But what is "public policy?" The matter becomes more and more complicated from a legal standpoint. "This is uncharted terrain," says Harvard law professor Martha Minow.

The recent ruling came in the wake of a lawsuit filed by three gay couples.

Meanwhile, a gay male couple in Ann Arbor, Mich., may challenge that state's marriage laws after their June wedding. The couple claims that no prohibition exists on their state's law books to keep them from legalized wedded bliss. A Washtenaw County clerk disagreed when she denied them a marriage license.

Transgendered to Protest Shrinks

SAN FRANCISCO - Members of Trangender Nation, a focus group of Queer Nation, will join a planned protest against electroshock therapy and forced psychiatric drugging at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) convention at Moscone Center on May 23.

Transgender Nation will march to voice its protest of the inclusion of transsexualism as a psychiatric condition in the latest APA Diagnostic and Statistic Manual. In a press release, Transgender Nation states, "We believe it is society with its inflexible gender regulations and taboos that is deserving of the mental illness diagnosis, not us."

"Transgendered people are healthy and productive in spite of psychiatrists' judgments and labels, and we won't allow these so-called 'helping professionals' to call us mentally ill any longer," the release continues.

For more info, call Christine Beatty at (415) 346-8157 or Anne Ogborn at (415) 863-6717.

Shalala Appoints Gay Reporter

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna E. Shalala recently announced the appointment of news reporter Victor F. Zonana of New York as her deputy assistant secretary for public affairs/media.

Zonana comes to HHS from the New York bureau of the *L.A. Times*, where he was a special staff writer covering business, economics, insurance, banking and health-care issues. A cofounder of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, Zonana was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service.

Chinese Gays Still Scared to Come Out

BEIJING - Though a secluded park has become a popular meeting place for gays, it is still not safe to be out anywhere in China. Being found out, even in this era of new tolerance, can mean loss of employment and family.

"If people know you're gay," says a man identifying himself as Xiao Ma, "then everything's finished. You can't hold your head up."

The taboo against homosexuality in China is apparently so great that a publisher won't even print a recent study on gays and lesbians in that country. According to conservative estimates, 12 million queers (one percent of the population) exist in China.

Five Queers Get $25G Each

CHICAGO - Five community activists for AIDS education, gay/lesbian/bisexual rights and women's interests will receive Stonewall Awards of $25,000 each "for achievements for gay and lesbian America."

The five—cartoonist Howard Cruse; Image Plus (a Black gay/lesbian youth organization) founder Ernest Hite, Jr.; SF AIDS Intervention Training Center Director Pat Norman; and Little Rock activist Suzanne Pharr—will receive their dough from the Anderson Foundation, set up and funded by the late Paul A. Anderson, a futures trader in Chicago.

Insurance Companies On Warpath Again

SACRAMENTO - The California Association of Life Insurance Companies does not like Santa Monica Sen. Tom Hayden's bill extending the state's HIV confidentiality laws to include CD4 lymphocyte counts, a test that determines the number of disease-fighting T-cells in the body.

"SB 670 will effectively place a total ban on utilizing results for the purposes of assessing expected claims expenses," an association lobbyist

wrote Hayden. "This is particularly troublesome given the fact that CD4 lymphocyte-count tests are utilized to determine whether the immune system is weakened, which can indicate a real and current health problem."

But supporters of the measure say that it is necessary to protect those with HIV/AIDS from harassment. Stay tuned.

Students Don't Want Queers on Council

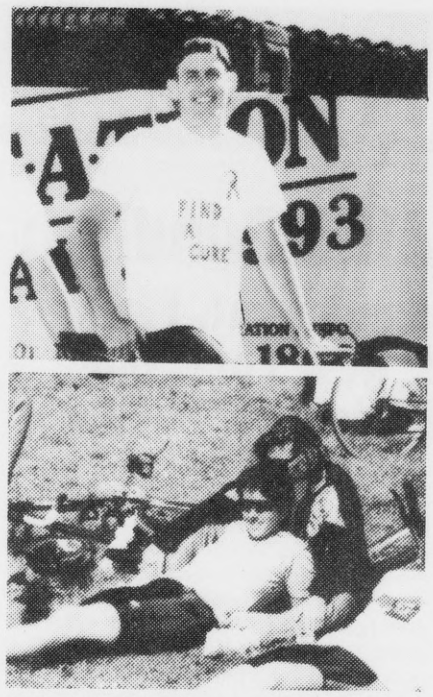
SEATTLE - Student delegates at a congress at Bremerton High School on the Kitsap Peninsula across from Seattle approved a measure barring gays from being on the student council. But the principal vows that it will not go into effect.

In its entirety, the proposal would bar gays as well as those committing sexual harassment, indecent exposure and sodomy. While principal Marilee Hansen does not agree with the measure, she wants students to debate it at their annual constitutional convention, slated for a few days after the delegates' vote. "Every year we deny a couple of amendments," she said. "I haven't talked to a staff member who is pleased with the measure."

Printer Nixes Two Men Kissing

FRESNO - Certified Ad Services, a subcontractor of Frameline's printers, is refusing to print the cover of the gay/lesbian film festival's annual booklet because it features an ad from the Stop AIDS Project which shows two men kissing.

"We're stunned," says Frameline Director Jill Jacobs. "It is outrageous that a local business would turn down $5,000 worth of business based only on pure hatred."



The May 8 AIDS Bike-a-thon raised $193,000 for Bay Area service organizations. Over 1000 riders rode a total of 53,029 miles for the event. Photos by Rink

A San Francisco company is coming to Frameline's rescue, however. The cover will be done by Honeywell & Todd, one of the Bay Area's premier color printers.

Bits & Pieces

• The Filipino Task Force on AIDS is sponsoring a fundraising banquet on June 4, from 6-10 pm, at the Metropolitan Ballroom, ANA Hotel, 50 Third St., San Francisco. Speakers include Supe Angela Alioto, Santa Barbara County Supe Gloria Ochoa, and Presidential White House Personnel Manager Paula Bagasao. For more info, call (415) 703-9880.

• The National Center for Lesbian Rights has published an informational brochure, "Outlawed in California: Employment Discrimination Against Lesbians, Gay Men and Bisexuals." The brochure is available for $5 for 10; $12.50 for 25; or $25 for 50. Call (415) 621-0674 for info.

• Meet exciting queer businesspeople when the Golden Gate Lesbian & Gay Business Association (GGBA) holds its first-ever exposition at the San Francisco Marriott on June 5, 11 am-4 pm. GGBA members can pre-register before May 25 for $5. Call (415) 441-3651 for more info.

• Planned Parenthood of San Mateo County supports condom availability in high schools because over one million teens become pregnant each year, with one in six contracting a sexually transmitted disease. The organization wants the condom programs coordinated with comprehensive sexuality and HIV/AIDS education programs.

• On the Colorado front, the owners of 107 New York City restaurants have pledged that they will not purchase any products from the first state in the nation to pass an anti-gay/lesbian initiative (Amendment 2) outlawing gay/lesbian rights laws. The products include Celestial Seasonings Tea, Montfort Meats, Holly Sugars and Coors beer. Since passing that law, Colorado has lost millions in tourism and convention revenues.

• Young queers will gather in Hamburg, Germany July 18-25 for the second "European Gathering of Gay and Lesbian Youth." Detailed program is in preparation. For info, write to ESLJ, Hausener Weg 27, W-6000 Frankfurt 90, Germany.

• The Human Rights Campaign Fund's political action committee (PAC) is now among the largest of its kind in the country, according to records released by the Federal Elections Commission. It ranks 42 among 4,729 federal political action committees and 15 among more than 800 trade and membership PACs in terms of contributions to federal candidates.

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aids treatment news by john s. james

Urgent, Federal AIDS Funding:
Kentucky, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin Residents, People With AIDS Need You

If you come from one of these states or know anyone who lives there, now is the time to contact Congress to support AIDS funding, and medical research funding overall, to find treatments and cures not only for AIDS but for other diseases as well. Decisions being made over the next few weeks will set patterns for national commitment to AIDS and other medical research for the next several years. The big problem is that most members of Congress (outside of a few big cities and other areas) have seldom or never heard from their voters that AIDS and medical research are important to them. We have to change that.

Right now the most important people in Washington are 13 members of Congress—those on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, representing the 11 states above—especially William H. Natcher (D-KY.), the subcommittee (and also full Appropriations Committee) chair. Congress has already supported the broad outlines of President Clinton's budget for fiscal 1994 (which begins Oct. 1); the budget includes important increases for a few areas including breast cancer and AIDS research, but otherwise is disappointing for medical research. The real decisions are still to be made in the appropriations process, now beginning, where competing priorities are traded off; much of the budget will not be fully funded. There will almost certainly be efforts to take money away from AIDS and use it for other purposes.

Aside from research, Clinton's budget includes a significant increase for AIDS care ($310 million for the Ryan White Care Act programs), and a modest ($45 million) increase for AIDS prevention. The research funding is probably the most vulnerable, however, because of the level funding or even decreases proposed for some of the institutes at the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

Terry Beswick, AIDS treatment specialist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, told *AIDS Treatment News*, "People need to pick up the phone and call their representative, or write them a note, immediately upon reading this. It could mean a difference of hundreds of millions of dollars this year.

"While the subcommittee is generally supportive of AIDS research, and biomedical research overall, we don't need them to simply be supportive this year. When they sit down at the table with their colleagues to carve up the pie, we need them to be leaders advocating with a vengeance for medical research as a top national priority. This is the year of the deficit—no one is going to speak up without some serious prodding.

"People with HIV or AIDS and their families in the districts and states of the subcommittee members have more than a responsibility to call or write their representatives—they have a duty. Their voice represents thousands of people with HIV or AIDS who do not live in those districts and states and have greatly diminished representation when it comes to allocating money for AIDS and research."

In San Francisco, Rep. Nancy Pelosi has been supportive of increased funding for AIDS. But the battle will be fought in the turf of districts across the country with less enlightened representation. If you come from any of the above states, or know anyone who lives there, please call your state's representative(s) on the subcommittee, and tell their office that you want more funding for AIDS, and more for medical research on all diseases. You can either call their local office or their Washington office. Whenever you can speak from your personal experience, do so. And if you can write a letter to your state's representative, that's even better than a phone call. Address it to The Honorable__, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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Tat Drug: Parallel-Track Negotiations Status

by David Peck

There is intense scientific and community interest in drugs to inhibit the HIV tat gene and the tat protein it produces. Only one company, Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., now has a tat-inhibitor drug in human trials. Information about how well it is working should be available by this summer.

Meanwhile, ACT UP/Boston has taken the lead in negotiating with Hoffmann-La Roche to get the company to develop a parallel-track program (to go into effect if the trial results are promising), to allow some patients to get the drug before it is approved for marketing. AIDS activists have found it difficult to work with this company. David Peck of ACT UP/Boston, who has been most closely involved in negotiating with Hoffmann-La Roche, has professional experience as a management consultant and brings these skills to his activist work. Two years ago he negotiated successfully with Burroughs-Wellcome to set up a program for early access to their experimental pneumocystis drug, 566C80, for patients who had exhausted other options. (The drug, re-named Mepron, has since been approved.)

Two weeks ago, David Peck wrote the following description of the current status of parallel-track negotiations with Hoffmann-La Roche:

During the last five months, ACT UP/Boston has been working with Hoffmann-La Roche to arrange pre-FDA-approval access to its novel drug, RO 24-7429 (tat inhibitor). During this time, ACT UP/Boston has sought access to the drug via parallel track for HIV, and compassionate access for KS for people who have exhausted all treatment options. During this time Hoffmann-La Roche has negotiated positively, despite intense pressure from community organizations nationwide.

Although they acknowledge the tremendous need for access to the tat drug, on April 16 Hoffmann-La Roche stated that parallel track cannot be implemented until fall 1993 at the earliest, even though the interim safety monitoring from the current trial showed "no undue safety problems." In addition to the current human trial which is gathering safety and efficacy data (ACTG 213), Hoffmann-La Roche believes a purely phase II trial (in addition to ACTG 213, which is "phase I/II") must be under way before parallel track can begin. Each new trial takes a great deal of time and coordination, and is subject to a large number of potential unexpected delays, both sides agree. As a result, the promise of fall 1993 could easily become mid-1994.

In addition Hoffmann-La Roche has said "No" to compassionate access for those with severe, immediately life-threatening KS who have exhausted all existing therapies, including chemotherapy. Compassionate use is a humane, patient-by-patient program intended to make promising, theoretically helpful drugs available to immediately life-threatened people whose only choice is to die, or to take a chance on a new drug. In a letter dated April 16, 1993, Gail Levinson of Hoffmann-La Roche addressed the KS issue to ACT UP/Boston:

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"Currently, there are no data available which show the tat antagonist to be effective against Kaposi's sarcoma. As you know, we will shortly be initiating a KS protocol which will evaluate the drug's effectiveness against this disease. The prospect of making the drug available on a compassionate plea basis is unwise at this time given the lack of data on the drug."

ACT UP/Boston responds: There is theoretical evidence to suggest this drug may be of use against KS. Compassionate use is a de facto industry standard in the AIDS crisis, often in the absence of controlled activity or efficacy data. Many lives have been saved by such programs, which offer those with no hope a new option. This potential for control of one's options alone can mean the difference between life and death.

Ms. Levinson's letter also addressed the parallel-track issue:

"As we reviewed in detail, the interim analysis of ACTG 213 showed no undue safety problems. However, we will not know activity nor dosage information until this stage of the study is complete and the data analyzed. We anticipate this activity to be completed during the summer months. At that time, assuming the data are favorable, the drug will be formulated at the required dosage strengths for availability to patients on an expanded access basis during the fall months. Activity data and a recommended dose are essential information before the raw compound can be converted into final form. However, to manufacture a dosage form that may not be effective is not a responsible way to respond to the needs of the patient population. Therefore, after carefully reviewing this situation, we have determined that we will be unable to compress the time line for initiating the expanded access program."

ACT UP/Boston responds: Activity data will be available in June — why wait until the fall? While ACT UP/Boston and its consensus signer organizations agree that parallel-track guidelines do not require activity data, we were willing to concede on this point as long as Hoffmann-La Roche agreed to implement parallel track in July — immediately following the review. Hoffmann-La Roche refused, citing the dosage form as the primary rationale, and the need for a second efficacy trial to be under way as a secondary reason.

[Note: In early May, ACT UP/Boston learned that ACTG 213 added a higher dosage arm, 200 mg three times a day, to that trial. The previous highest dose had been 100 mg. This increase confirms that no major safety problems have been found.]

In the short term, the parallel-track dose is unlikely to be vastly different from the study dose, which Hoffmann-La Roche is fully capable of making in its "final form." ACT UP/Boston believes that even now Hoffmann-la Roche has enough data to select an appropriate starting dose (i.e., the lowest ACTG 213 dose) for parallel track (as opposed to a proven "effective" dose), which meets the requirements of parallel track. Hoffmann-La Roche disagrees, believing that an effective dose is required."

Underground production of tat on a large scale is now under way, at great risk and expense to the community. This should show Hoffmann-La Roche the overwhelming need of those who have exhausted all their treatment options. These people would rather try something than do nothing — and there are thousands! Hoffmann-La Roche's acknowledgment of this fact, coupled with their refusal to take immediate steps to address it, is incomprehensible.

We acknowledge Hoffmann-La Roche's willingness to carry on a dialogue on these issues. We believe they view these delays as critical steps that must be taken before the drug can be made available. But what Hoffmann-La Roche misses, despite numerous conversations and even a video presentation by people who have no options left, is this: It is not Hoffmann-La Roche's responsibility to protect people from a drug that may save them. That's what the federal guidelines say, that's what other companies are doing, and that's why the community is making the drug for themselves—we just can't wait any longer. Questions? Comments? Contact: David Peck of ACT UP/Boston, (617) 776-2534.

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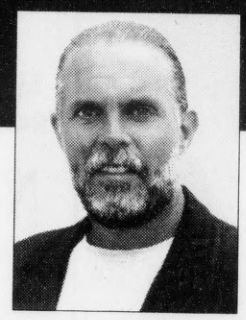

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Alternative Medicine Grant Program Not Easily Accessible

by Dave Gilden

The new Office of Alternative Medicine in the National Institutes of Health has finally issued guidelines for its 1993 grant cycle. The Office has been the subject of tremendous interest and press attention despite its small size and minuscule budget by NIH (U.S. National Institutes of Health) standards. There are only four professional staff members and one secretary in the Office, and the annual budget is $2 million. Six hundred thousand of that amount will be divided into about 20 grants. No grant may exceed $30,000.

The OAM is putting the best face it can on the grants' minimal size by calling them "exploratory grants" intended to fund small-scale studies for obtaining preliminary data on particular therapeutic techniques—sort of phase I studies for practices that the NIH has ignored up to now. To help inexperienced grant writers, the OAM in the week of April 19 held grant-writing workshops in four cities: Atlanta, Albuquerque, St. Louis and San Francisco. An earlier workshop was held in Washington, D.C., at the end of March. Attendance was quite high. In Washington, over 200 people took part, and in San Francisco, the figure was over 100.

The size of the competition might seem daunting to anyone interested in obtaining funding, but several factors will weed out many potential applicants—including the deadlines. The OAM was created by Congress in October, 1991, and stumbled along through its first year without any permanent staff. Now, all of a sudden, the Office is in a great hurry and advancing at an unusually rapid pace for the NIH.

Applicants had to have a letter, stating their intent to apply, in the OAM's hands by April 30, only a month after the Office issued its grant guidelines and too soon for most people to react. The completed grant applications are due June 8, and award announcements will be made three months later. Many people at the San Francisco workshop, meanwhile, seemed to be just beginning to define what they wanted to investigate.

Holistic medicine does not easily lend itself to be taken apart in standard clinical trials. It is also generally nontoxic and may not require all the bureaucratic regulations in place to ensure the safest possible testing of normal experimental medicines.

The requirement that created the greatest concern in the San Francisco workshop was the need for each grant to represent a collaboration between practitioners of alternative medicine and conventional researchers. In fact, developing such collaborations is one of the Office's main stated purposes in issuing the grants.

The OAM's assistant director, Daniel Eskinazi, Ph.D., defended the forced collaboration as a protection for nonstandard researchers, who would stand little chance of getting any money on their own when competing against the grant writing experience and scientific resources available at universities. But the whole process at this point seems geared to groups with ongoing research efforts and prior connections with mainstream institutions. Eskinazi did speak of a "nonfunded alternative track" and, in a few years, a funded program that would give less experienced groups technical support in meeting NIH requirements, designing protocols, checking subjects' safety and the like. These two programs are just tentative proposals at this point, however.

The NIH already funds significant research in some fields considered part of alternative medicine, e.g., nutrition and acupuncture for AIDS-related conditions. The OAM seems to be establishing a routine that merely incorporates more unconventional therapies into a conventionally functioning research apparatus. As Eskinazi remarked, "We are part of the NIH, and we have to go with that." The most intriguing kinds of alternative medicine do not just offer alternative therapies but look at ways to systematically support the normal, healthy functioning of the body. Fields like psychoneuroimmunology and Chinese medicine, for example, have developed promising approaches to AIDS therapy from theories based on the interaction between various organ systems. Such holistic medicine does not easily lend itself to be taken apart in standard clinical trials. It is also generally nontoxic and may not require all the bureaucratic regulations in place to ensure the safest possible testing of normal experimental medicines.

Last September, the OAM convened 150 experts in alternative medicine to study these sorts of issues and make recommendations on ways to proceed. It is unfortunate that the Office did not wait for this panel's report before moving forward. That report will review a wide range of alternative medical practices and theories, including different ways to evaluate innovative therapies. It could lay the basis for a much needed comprehensive program to evaluate therapeutic strategies outside the mainstream.

For now, Eskinazi can only say, "I think there are much better ways to do things than randomized double-blind studies, but I don't know what the grant review committee will think." The grant review committee for the OAM program is being set up by the NIH Division of Research Grants, which reviews all the grants applications sent to the NIH, some 30,000 in the course of a year.

The ad hoc alternative medicine grant review committee is therefore emerging as a critical point for determining how the OAM grant program operates this year. The NIH is now seeking expert individuals for that committee. Those interested should contact Dr. Eskinazi at the OAM (301/402-2466) for further information.

In talking with several officials at the NIH, we were impressed by how much budget-cutting pressure exists in Washington these days. The OAM claims to be "under the gun," with a great need to justify its continued existence through a serious research program. But the Office exists as a result of popular pressure exerted on Congress. To survive, the OAM will have to maintain the support of this alternative medicine activist constituency over the years. This will be difficult to do if that constituency lacks access to the Office, and this year's grant procedures indicate that such access is not easily forthcoming.

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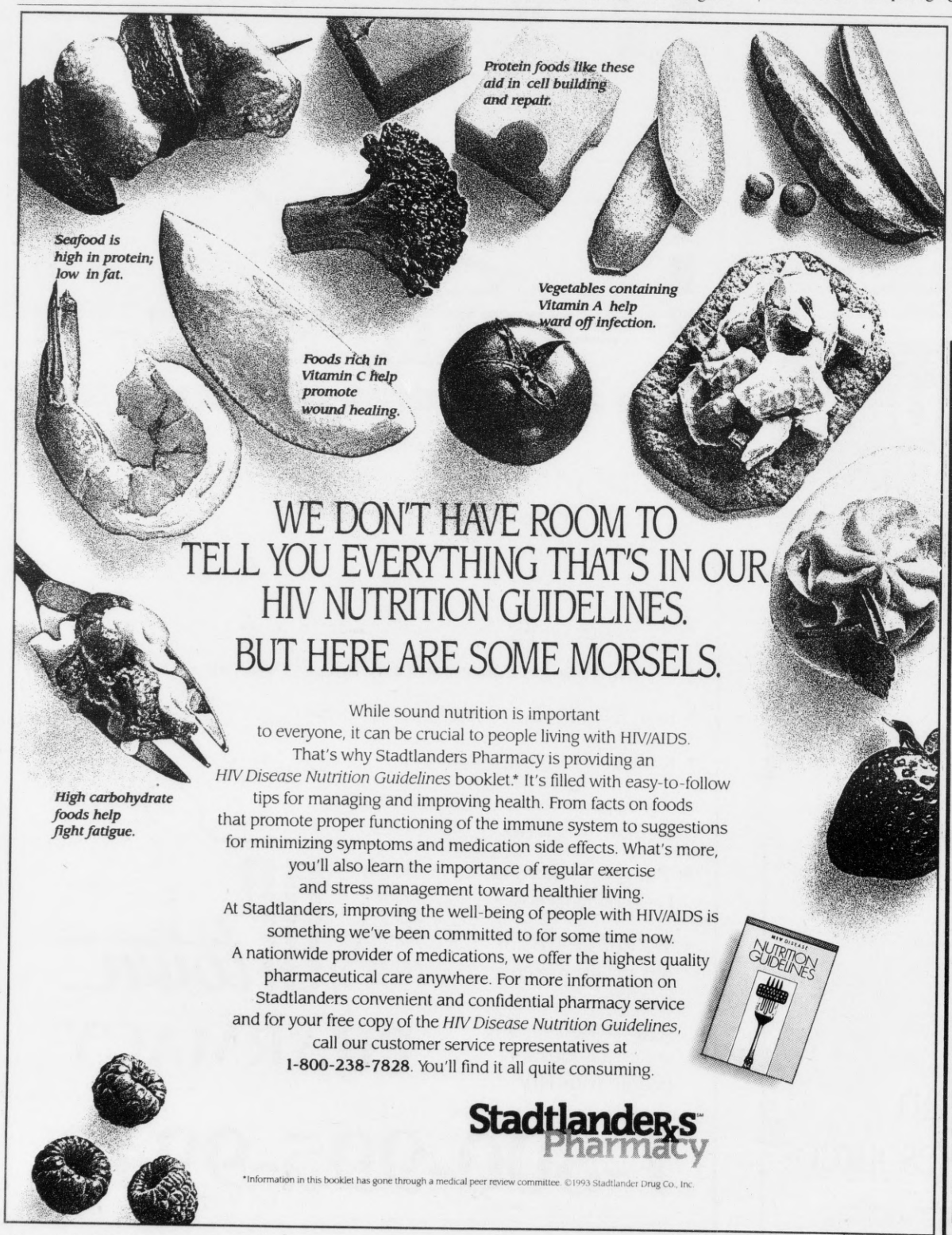
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• The April 25 March on Washington brought at least $177 million in revenue to D.C. and the suburban metro areas. No other single event, including the recent inauguration, has made such an enormous economic impact on the nation's capital. The figure is based on organizers' estimate of one million people attending the march and its many events.

• Pacific Friends, a San Francisco social organization of gay Asian/Pacific Islanders and non-Asians, donated over $3,000 to Bay Area Asian AIDS service organizations. The money was raised through the Third Annual International Friendship Weekend during Labor Day Weekend in 1992. Recipients of the money: Asian AIDS Project, the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project and the Filipino Task Force on AIDS.

• August 20-22 is the annual Northern California "Journey into Recovery" conference at the Flamingo Resort Hotel in Santa Rosa.

• Representatives of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights and several other gay/lesbian organizations met on May 5 with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to discuss ways that federal health policy toward lesbian and gay Americans can be improved. Meanwhile, the association is sponsoring a reception for gay/lesbian physicians and medical students of color from across the United States on May 25 during the group's annual meeting in San Francisco, May 22-27. For details, call (415) 255-4547.

• An Ohio legislator doesn't want Ohio State University to allow queer couples to live in a housing complex that was designated for families. He's planning to submit legislation to that effect in the State House.

• Idaho Republican Party Chair Randy Smith joins the growing list of politicians in his state who oppose an anti-gay rights initiative similar to the one passed in Colorado last November. He says there is already provision in the state to keep queers from obtaining "special rights," a favorite buzz phrase of the rightwing. He says that the Republican Party will probably not discuss the initiative at its upcoming state convention.

• A judge in Pensacola, Fla., has sentenced a 19-year-old to death, overriding the wishes of a jury, for murdering a man he says made "homosexual advances" to him. Judge Nicholas Geeker rejected the claims of homosexual advances as well as psychiatric opinion that the teen was under the influence of past drug misuse and sexual abuse.

• Many parents in Apple Valley, Minn. are displeased that a first-grade teacher read *Daddy's Roommate*, a story about two lovers raising one of the men's son, to his class. The teacher, Bruce Johnson, also told the kids that a popular children's author is gay.

• A bill has been introduced in the Nevada Senate to legalize homosexual sex between adults. Sen. Lori Lipman Brown, who pushed the measure, says that government should stay out of people's bedrooms. As a Jew, she says she is wary anytime the majority wants to restrict the minority.

• The California Senate voted to prohibit liquor licenses to private clubs that discriminate against persons because of their race, color, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age. The measure now goes before the Assembly.

• The Albany, Ore., City Council still won't place an anti-gay initiative from the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) on the ballot. The OCA failed last year to win a statewide initiative banning gay rights laws throughout the state. It has managed this year to place its anti-gay initiative on the ballot in several localities.

• Five AIDS quilt panels from Russia, carried over by two activists from that country, were on display in San Francisco at the AIDS office of the Department of Public Health May 17 and 18. To date, officials in Russia estimate that 120 people have died of AIDS in that country.

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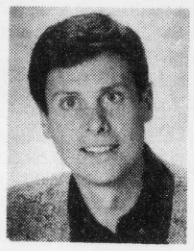

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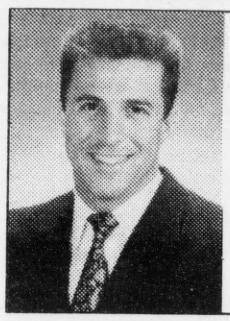

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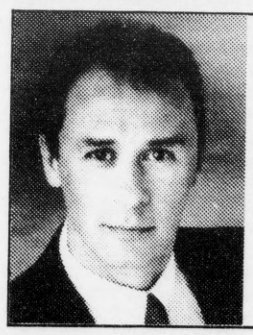

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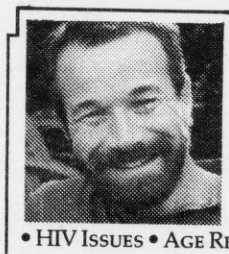

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Letters...

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or mere "gay rights" (for example, in the military) has implications on the kind of community we are building. Do we want a community of equals or a community of more and less privileged? Who is included and who is excluded? A narrow focus on "gay rights" or even "lesbian/gay/bi rights" leaves untouched the sexism, racism, class bias and economic injustice faced by the vast majority of queers.

As a middle-class gay white man, I want a movement and a community that will not settle for anything short of complete liberation for all of its members (and even its non-members). I am not very interested in a movement that merely opposes the single barrier to privilege faced by upper and upper-middle-class gay white men, even if I myself belong to this group, and that offers the consolation prize of the right to come out for those unfortunate enough to have to join the military.

I have two main reasons for my commitment to basic social change and my opposition to a narrow focus on "gay rights." First, I feel that it is morally and spiritually damaging to perpetuate a system of unjust privilege, especially if I benefit from that privilege, since it is morally compromising to me personally. Thus, I cannot feel comfortable in a community which consigns some of its members to second class status by ignoring their oppression.

Second, I support a broader vision of social change and social justice for practical and strategic reasons. If the movement adopts a mostly "lesbian/gay rights" agenda, it will be hard to enlist the support of working class queers or queers of color. A look at the active membership of mainstream "gay rights" organizations will prove the truth of this: it is overwhelmingly white and middle class. To build a really strong movement that draws support from all queers, we must be committed to addressing all of the oppressions faced by queer people, including racism and economic justice. Furthermore, I think it is foolish for us to try to win the struggle for justice alone. We will have a much better chance of success if we form coalitions with other communities by joining in the fight against racism, sexism, economic injustice and hierarchy in general. We will then have a much larger group of allies in our fight against homophobia.

Mark O'Malley
Berkeley

Queer Affirmative

In some bygone era, the pink triangle was a symbol of the oppression used to separate us from the general population, to be rounded up and exterminated. Now the triangle is a symbol of pride.

The lesbian, gay, bi, transgender community has a wonderful ability to—to quote Lennon/McCartney—"take a sad song and make it better." So it is with the word "queer." Once a term that was strictly derogatory, it is now heading down the road of respectability. Like the pink triangle before it, "queer" is making the journey not by the urging of our detractors, but by members of the community itself. As the community continues to recognize its diversity, a single word to encompass that diversity has become a legitimate need—"queer" popped up at the right place at the right time.

I see this as just another progression any word of the language is prone to make, if the need arises. Once upon a time, some homophobe decided that "faggot" was needed to describe gay men. And so it took on that meaning. An older definition of faggot, to quote Webster's II, is, "a bungle of twigs, sticks or branches bound together." One rarely sees the word used in this sense these days. On the other hand, some stylistic sticklers, in a thinly veiled attempt to hide their own homophobia, still inveigh the use of the word gay to mean homosexuals, even though this use of the word dates back to the turn of the century and is totally established.

There will be those who object to queer used in its new, affirmative sense. But the winds of change are already nearing gale force, and a reversal of the trend is not likely to occur. Not unless someone can come up with something better to take its place.

Gregory A. McVey-Russell
Oakland

Cesar, Our Friend

Cesar Chavez, longtime leader of the United Farmworkers and gentle, strong pathfinder, was a true friend and ally of gay, lesbian and bisexual people. As I mourned his death and especially appreciated his life over the past couple of weeks, many examples of Chavez's gay-affirming leadership came flooding back. I offer just one here.

On July 15, 1984, more than 100,000 people came to San Francisco for the "National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights" on the Democratic Convention. (We were not yet wise and inclusive enough to call it a march for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.) As we moved down Market Street, crossing Duboce, on the way to the Moscone Center, a thrill passed through the crowd. Cesar Chavez and several dozen other people from the UFW joined us, red and black banner flying. At the rally that day, Chavez spoke of the importance of coalition, of the human rights issues farmworkers, gay and lesbian people, and families all share. As of July 1984, so many political leaders were at best lukewarm about gay and lesbian visibility and sharing power with us—Chavez did so enthusiastically and genuinely.

In the learning of so many lessons about the life and example of this man who has led us all toward a better world, I hope we can hold onto and cherish the lesson his presence and words conveyed in July 1984. We are all stronger and all more effective when we generously and energetically embrace the human rights causes of our brothers and sisters, nonviolently and with all our minds and hearts. "Cesar, si se puede!"

Mary C. Dunlap
Co-Chair, National March for
Lesbian/Gay Rights, 1984

Can You Say "Bisexual"?

The following letter was sent to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission:

I am tired of only hearing the word "bisexual" from the right wing!

I am especially tired when I know that I and other bi activists around the country have dialogued with you, politely, patiently, about this for months, even years.

This is especially an international issue because many cultures relate to the Western definition of sexual orientation and labeling differently than we do. In many cultures other than our own here in the United States, there is not such a polarized either/or set of communities and identities with no middle ground. By (1) equating bisexual with gay and (2) not allowing bisexuals their own identity, you are complicit in perpetuating this false either/or-and-nothing-in-the-middle illusion about human sexual diversity.

I am especially angry when you don't even use the word "bi" when it is the most accurate term to describe someone—as in your recent "Emergency Response Network" cover story: "Gay Councillor Brutally Murdered in Brazil." Buried in the body of the article is the phrase that "he had declared on a radio program that he was bisexual." Are bisexuals the same as gay? Only when you want us to be so you can claim us. Not when you want to make us invisible or oversimplify the struggle.

It is a powerful news story and human rights issue in itself that dos Santos died for declaring himself bi. Respect that! Tell the truth!

And I don't want to hear that "bisexual" is a skirt some gays can hide behind when they're afraid to come out all the way as gay. I know that. I also know that "gay" is a skirt some bisexuals can hide behind when they're afraid of the censure of the gay community and don't come out as bi. Do we educate about that just as loudly?

Are we going backward since the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, or can we go forward, letting the right wing know that we are proud of all of who we are and claim it all together? I will continue to work for all people's human rights and I'm glad the Emergency Response Network helps me to do so. But I await your reply to my concerns. (And I don't mean just a nice letter by a staffperson. I mean discussing this like the serious policy-level, board-level issue it is!)

Loraine Hutchins
Washington, D.C.

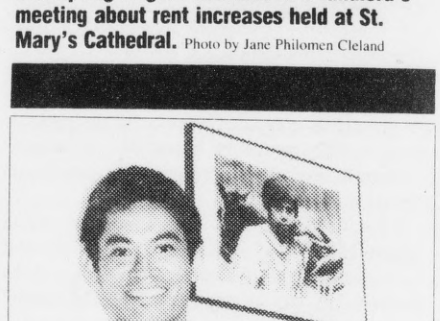
Ashes on the Senate Floor

An open letter to the U.S. Senate:

On Monday, April 26, four very dear and close friends obtained passes from the office of our senator to visit the Senate chamber while we were in Washington to attend the March for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equal Rights. Our visit was to make a statement and to fulfill a promise made to a friend of ours just before he died last year of AIDS.

We believe that we made that statement and kept that promise made to our friend Ricky. You see, we scattered Ricky's cremated remains onto the floor of your Senate chamber, along with several hundred copies of a flyer. Not one of us here believes that you'll condone or understand our actions, or that you'll acknowledge this letter any more than you acknowledged our presence in Washington at the end of last month. What we do believe is that you know that our friend deserved more from his government and from society than was ever extended to him while he lived. Ricky was a living, breathing soul to us and he was our friend, but, just as importantly, he also represents to us every woman and every man who has suffered the pain and anguish of living with AIDS in this or any other country.

Four tenants were arrested on May 6 while attempting to gain entrance to a landlord's meeting about rent increases held at St. Mary's Cathedral. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland



Miguel Ronquillo's photography exhibit, "Salud a Mexico," will be shown at Josie's thru May 30. Photo by Rink

We believe that Ricky should serve as a reminder to you and to all other senators who walk the now ash-stained floor of the chamber every day that AIDS and the devastating swath which it has cut across the fabric of our society is now a little bit closer to you and your colleagues than it has ever been—at least as far as the daily routine of your job is concerned.

We sincerely hope that the knowledge of our actions and Ricky's newfound presence in the Senate chamber will further act as a catalyst for both renewed discussion and real change by our elected representatives in the fight for providing affordable and accessible health care, finding new treatments and, ultimately, a cure for this disease which has forever changed the lives of so many of us in this country and throughout the world.

Ray Russ, Carol Kleinmaier,
Jason Bishop, Peter Brown
San Francisco

Disabled and Visible

We marched together to show that we are not willing to be invisible any longer. The lesbian and gay community with disabilities marched at the March on Washington to show our strength and power. There were more than 75,000 lesbian and gay people with disabilities in attendance at the march. As I walked down Pennsylvania Avenue with my disabled sisters and brothers, tears filled my eyes. I had never before felt so powerful or been so proud of who I was. We will not be shamed into invisibility; we are a part of the lesbian and gay community and we are stating quite clearly that we have been here all along and that we are not going away... so get used to it.

A call to all the lesbian and gay people with disabilities: Let's do it again at the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. Contact us at 831 Scott St., SF 94117; (415) 922-5191.

We will be out, loud and proud.

Barbara Dinnerstein
San Francisco

Given Hope

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone who passed out flyers on 18th and Castro, painted countless banners, endured record-setting process opportunities and never gave up to make the 1993 March on Washington the wondrous event we never dared dream might happen.

A core group of volunteers including Judith Lerner, Gerard Palmieri (our local committee co-chairs), David Bartlett, Leslie Mullin, Rob Petitpas,

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Camo Bortman, Saul Kanowitz, Rebecca LaPere, Karl Knapper, Thomas Bruin, Gypsy Tucker, Barbara Dinnerstein, Matthew Sharp, Robert Hold, Edwardo Hernandez, Jana Barber, Dan Eiglehaut plus dozens of others, shared a remarkable experience. When one of us would burn out there was always someone to pick up the slack; ours was a true collaborative effort. What a wonderful way to make friends! Everyone should also say, "Thanks" to the staff at A Different Light the next time you are in the store. Without hesitation they allowed us to set up a communications center and became, in essence, our office. Proceeds from our merchandise at Under One Roof went to a travel fund for people with HIV. Ggreg Deborah Taylor's "Carole Migden Look-Alike (and thank you, Carole) Contest" at Club Product and the Comics Benefit at Josie's Juice Joint allowed us to give scholarships to a wide cross-section of our local community. Ours was a true grassroots effort that drove home the point that if one person tries to reach the goal there is one chance for success, but if two hundred are involved, the odds get much sweeter.

Back home, many people have asked me, "What do you think the Bay Area got out of this march?" I always smile inwardly at this query because it is so close to the one I heard over and over during the last two years: "Why should I go to D.C.?" The answer to both became very clear to me as we marched past the White House. The wait had been very long and hot. The usual cast of characters had been acting out and, just to keep us on our toes, the Los Angeles contingent (which insisted on marching in front of us, being the size queens that we know them to be) decided that they had waited long enough and took off across the Ellipse directly to the Mall. Somehow, without a monitor within blocks, 30,000 of us managed to "hold the line" and kept the march from splintering. When we finally started moving it was with a grim determination to reach the mall, or else. It was kind of like being in a queer cattle drive.

Yet when we turned onto Pennsylvania Avenue our second wind awaited us—an adoring crowd! For the rest of the march people stood yelling and applauding as we kicked up our heels and sang, "San Francisco city! Where the women are strong and the men are pretty!" It was at that moment, right in front of the White House, that a woman ran up to us, tears in her eyes, and said, "You give us hope!" Suddenly, a lot of things became crystal clear for me and I had my answer. Our local community needs this national gathering of the tribes just as much as "they" need "us." We all have hope to give... and receive.

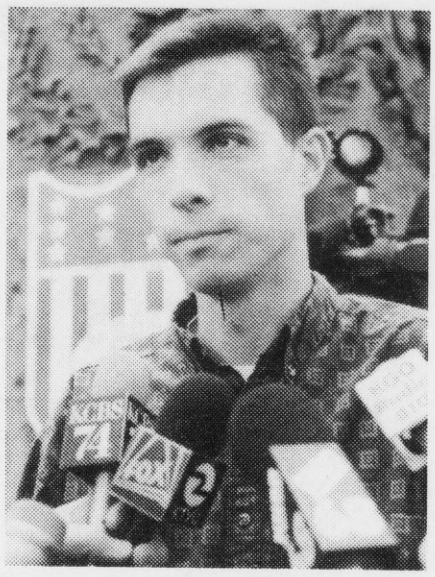
Leslie Ewing
Northern California Representative
National Steering Committee,
1993 March on Washington

Streetcats Roar Back

As Streetcats Foundation prepares to launch Streetcats citizen public safety patrol in the Castro in May and June, it's important for us and the community to be clear on what Streetcats actually accomplished the last two years in Los Angeles and how much it is planning to contribute to the Castro—working with community support.

A lead story earlier this year on KABC-TV Channel 7 "Eyewitness News" in Los Angeles, a front-page article in the *West Hollywood/Hollywood Independent* newspaper, stories in L.A.-area gay publications, including *Edge, Vanguard, Nightlife* and *Update*, and an April 25 "Palm Latitudes" feature in the *Los Angeles Sunday Times Magazine*, as well as a petition with 12,000 signatures of support and dozens of appreciative letters from Los Angeles citizens, well document all that Streetcats accomplished, against overwhelming odds, in Los Angeles.

So does videotaped footage of Streetcats in action, catching people with knives, helping accident victims, stopping drunk drivers, chasing after bashing suspects, patrolling dark alleys, helping rehabilitate street kids and runaways and reuniting them with their families, protecting demonstrators, directing traffic in an emergency, distributing thousands of whistles, "Stop Gay Bashing" buttons and booklets about hate crimes and street safety.



Discharge proceedings are under way for Sgt. Jose Zuniga, who came out during the March on Washington. Zuniga, a Gulf War veteran, was voted Soldier of the Year by the 6th U.S. Army. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

In Los Angeles—particularly West Hollywood—where official city and community apathy about gay bashing is legend, Streetcats (or more specifically I, as its founder) had to pay people $5-and $6-an-hour "honorariums" to patrol because virtually no one volunteered, most bars and businesses could not care less what happens to people after they leave their premises, the five city councilmembers and local law enforcement didn't respond to any letters for more than a year and a half and the city's one gay councilperson (who was almost recalled or "impeached" three years ago) had meeting after meeting with the city council's "Gay Advisory Committee" about both Streetcats and bashing, but not once would meet with us or do anything about public safety except talk.

Local law enforcement police, under contract for nearly $10 million a year, would frequently show up 20 to 30 minutes after an emergency call (across the street!) and tell gay men being chased by kids with baseball bats that there was "no violation of law." And the local captain of the sheriff's department would continually put out misstatements like "Streetcats wants to carry nightsticks."

The L.A. Sheriff's Department was termed the "second most brutal police department in America" by the U.S. Department of Justice and given very poor marks by the Kolts Commission.

With very little to work with in Los Angeles, very little money from the L.A. community (most of it from *our own* pockets), Streetcats performed near-miracles!

With much more community activism and awareness in San Francisco, Streetcats hopes to do great things like a five-night-a-week jeep and foot patrol, a "Safe-Walk" (home) program, a toll-free 800-line so that citizens can call 911 and also reach Streetcats on mobile phones right on patrol, in an emergency. Street-defense training and videotapes and school films about hate crime are also planned.

We are a California Public Benefit Corporation, 501c3 tax-exempt pending, and all this will take an operating budget of nearly $70,000 a year, full-time people, hard work, dedication, grants, street awareness and, yes, street fundraising—lots of it.

And it will take time, not just a week or two or three in the Castro.

We need cooperation with other groups, business support, grant-writers, trainers, reliable patrol volunteers, Tuesdays through Sundays. Most of all, we all need to work together to help each other!

Don Fass, Director
Streetcats San Francisco

Achtenberg...

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"Roberta is being asked to be a super Amazon, and she is."

But, being "nice and quiet has never been the right strategy historically," says Guy. In this case, Guy says, "It could be the exception...That is not usually how women and people in struggle get ahead, but it might work this time."

Guy's other concern is that the strategy might make Achtenberg more beholden to the Clinton administration than to her own community. "It seems like you need a constituency," says Guy. "I don't know if the Democratic party is the right constituency. I don't know. I hope it is, but we don't know."

But, when one congressional staffer was asked if Clinton was being too low-key or if he was backing off Achtenberg, the immediate response was incredulous laughter. "I have gotten involved in 50 conversations that [tell me that] he spreads himself too thin. The White House has been very involved, and they make it very clear that the president stands behind his nominee."

Several sources indicate that White House legislative lobbyist Howard Paster and Susan Brophy, of the White House Congressional Liaison and Legislative Affairs office, have been closely involved in plotting strategy. "They are working hands-on," says gay-Democratic F.O.B. David Mixner. "My impression is that [Achtenburg] is comfortable with the support she has gotten. I would think I would have heard from Roberta if she was not getting the support she wanted."

The White House declined to confirm if Paster and Brophy are involved in the Achtenberg lobbying effort.

VISIBLE AT LAST

"It is a pitched symbolic battle. It is tremendously refreshing for gay and lesbian people, and bisexual and transgendered" people to be recognized, declares Mary Dunlap, community activist and former lead attorney in the Gay Olympics case. Dunlap says that time and time again the gay and lesbian community have been the activists behind the battle, but have rarely been given the credit when due.

Helms' attacks on Achtenberg are also prompting gays, lesbians and bisexuals to fight back. Joe Van Ess, supervisorial aide to Achtenberg, says he has received calls from across the country asking how they can help. He says, "These are people who really feel hurt in some way and want to help...We have told them to contact their senators."

Mixner urges that the community step back for a moment, and see what has been achieved. He says becuase of AIDS, "We tend to lose sight of major victories. I hope when she is confirmed we will see how historic it is. I have respect for her courage, because being the first of anything is extraordinarily difficult to be."

Phyllis Lyon is positively gleeful about the whole affair. "Roberta Achtenberg will make all of us proud when she gets through this whole charade. It is an amazing thing that none of us ever dreamed of, especially as lesbians. We have got Donna Hitchens as a judge, Carole Migden on the board. We have got any number of lesbians elected, there are scads of them! It has been a good decade so far, for lesbians."

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BY JACK FERTIG

Astrologers Anonymous

Just when you thought you had heard a lifetime's worth of buzzwords about 12-step programs and codependency, Saturn is going into Pisces, which only means we're going to get it all the more. (Don't get me wrong. Those are great recovery programs for folks who need 'em, but do we really need a 24-hour John Bradshaw channel?) I like to think that there is an entire range of neuroses and pathologies that have nothing to do with obsessive-compulsive disorders and codependency, but I could be in denial. Anyway, Saturn enters Pisces tonight (May 20) at 8:15. Besides the return of the 12-Stepford Wives, this signals religious clampdowns. (The good news is that other aspects indicate a strong progressive response to religious reaction.) Saturn in Pisces also brings up a tendency to worry over phantoms and nonsense. This week a square from the Sun heightens the worrying and whips egos into a neurotic, defensive frenzy of self-doubt and compensatory ambition. If you work very hard at keeping things in a positive light, this can be a great week to find things that need to be improved. With a careful balance of intuition and wit you can even figure out how to make the desired improvements.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: This can be an excellent time to focus in on financial issues, but right now you tend to worry too much and to mistrust your friends. The latter may not necessarily be such a bad idea. This can be a useful time to take stock of your chums and decide who your friends really are, but be careful! You are likely to judge a bit too harshly. One of your friends or a professional counselor can be very helpful for your current financial worries. Your worrying is much worse than your finances, but some constructive help is as welcome now as a more optimistic attitude.

TAURUS: Having a bit of a post-birthday depression? The stars are weighing heavily on you, but this shall pass quickly. You can get a boost by focusing on career goals. I said focus, not obsess. At the peak of a major career cycle, you're wondering what you really want to be doing with yourself. Take some time alone, meditate, and let your intuition provide the answer. With a sense of spiritual direction (or strong internal centering) this is an excellent time for you to promote yourself.

GEMINI: Don't you just hate it when metaphysical types remind you about the Chinese character for "crisis"? That's right: disaster with opportunity. Right now you're due for a spiritual crisis that threatens to undermine some of your principal beliefs. Accept it as an opportunity to look at deeper, underlying values. More than most admit, belief is based on experiences, many of them forgotten and/or from early childhood. This is an excellent time to check those experiences out and get a clearer picture of how they've molded you. Then scrape off the mold (yes, a grueling, but worthwhile process) and re-examine your beliefs.

CANCER: You're suddenly seen by your friends as a tremendous pillar of strength. This is a dubious blessing, because it means you're either weathering some horrible disaster, or they are, and you're expected to help them through it all. On the plus side, the prevailing aspect of the stars makes you look tremendously sexy. Play up your open, sympathetic side if you want to take advantage of that. (Intuitively twisted works well, too.) If you're playing out the erotic side of this energy it's a great time to look at power games (or issues) in your sexplay or sexuality.

LEO: Normally you enjoy a lot of attention. Nowadays you're getting your share and then some, but it's not all so great. Your partner is suddenly being very critical of you, and you can't figure out why. You feel like you're both confused about all this feedback—and both of you may well be. Rather than blaming the one you love for the confusion, look at your own part in it. You're probably overburdened right now trying to balance your personal relationships and your career. If you're not having personal relationships, then your professional relationships are clearly in need of analysis and reassessment. Right now it all seems worse than it really is. You could let it just blow over, or you could solve problems while they're viciously in your face.

VIRGO: Work has been tough enough lately. Right now it gets insanely frantic. Your usual calm, methodological approach seems to have gone out the window and your ditzy, obsessive shadow is running rampant. Stop. Center. Breathe. Remember that details need to fit into a cohesive whole. Direct your now overactive imagination into understanding the overview, and if applicable, the theoretical framework of your labors. Healthwise you can apply the same perspective to your healing and health regimens. This is a good time to reevaluate with doctors and practitioners, but here, too, you are now prone to worry far too much.

LIBRA: Although you've recently found it difficult to relax and enjoy spontaneous pleasures, lately you have been building your skills as a hostess, artist or performer. All of a sudden it seems not just that you relax by feeling purposeful, or that you're developing your techniques, but that now you feel compelled, as if by life-or-death challenge, to be one way or another on stage. It may indeed be that you are expected to comfort and support the grieving. Remember that at such times you too need to be comforted and supported. As hard as it is now, opening your vulnerable, intuitive side will make you stronger, more attractive, and a better help to others in the long run.

SCORPIO: Misunderstandings at home are liable to cause turf battles right now. This can be avoided if you take stock of the situation and realize it's not that important or—perhaps more easy on your ego—put off this issue for a few more days. Then you will *know* it's not that important and your cohabitant will probably have forgotten what the issue was. But if you don't get over it within the week, deal with it soon. In all likelihood it's all just a simple misunderstanding, but one that can easily get out of hand and develop into a full blown resentment if you give it the chance. It's much too easy to misinterpret anything you hear now, especially at home, so take any and all conversations slowly and carefully.

SAGITTARIUS: It seems that everyone is under a gloomy cloud these days, and even you, my bucket of perennial sunshine, are subject to the dreary winds that now prevail. Efforts to cheer the world are forced, futile and only turn you into a ravingly manic bitch criticizing the world through a transparent false smile. On the other hand, you could perfectly capture the mood, dismal though it is, through some wonderful poetry. It worked for Sylvia Plath... well, it worked for her readers. Particularly at work, your fault-finding skills are working at high pitch. It can be a good time to figure out what can be eliminated, but do try to be positive. Concentrate on improvement rather than the faults you're rectifying.

CAPRICORN: It's much too easy to give into fears about money. Those fears aren't entirely unfounded, but they are now grossly exaggerated. Yes, it's been awfully tight and it's not going to get any easier terribly soon, but right now (don't blink!) you can get some ideas of how to be more creatively resourceful. This is actually an ideal time to pull out all those old sows' ears and open a silk purse emporium. Right now you can also be extraordinarily shrewd at games—if you can keep from taking them too seriously.

AQUARIUS: All your hard work of late can easily get you down. Rewards may be coming, but not too terribly soon. Who could blame you for feeling a bit discouraged? Alas, right now you can be worse than discouraged, and your dismal mood is something that will be known immediately to all nearby. Housemates and family are prime targets for your *angst*. Two bits of good news: (1) This will pass very quickly; and (2) if you can look past the dreariness of your immediate prospects, you may see how all this hard work can indeed pay off in the long run. Talking it out with a maternal figure will help you to put it in perspective—if you can keep a balance and refrain from sounding like the Wicked Witch of the West in a hot tub.

PISCES: This is a dreadfully worrisome time. Whether or not there is anything to worry about has nothing to do with it, and worrying never helps anyway. Planetary stress is just whipping you up into a frantic lather, and reality has precious little to do with it. You can turn this to your advantage by finding someone you can really unload to (not unload *on*, but *to*!) and just blather on and on as you get clear about what's really bothering you. If you're in therapy, or any sort of 12-step program or support group, go ahead and let it all out. The trivialities that you're likely to get worked up over may provide a clue to the real problems, but no more than that. ✿

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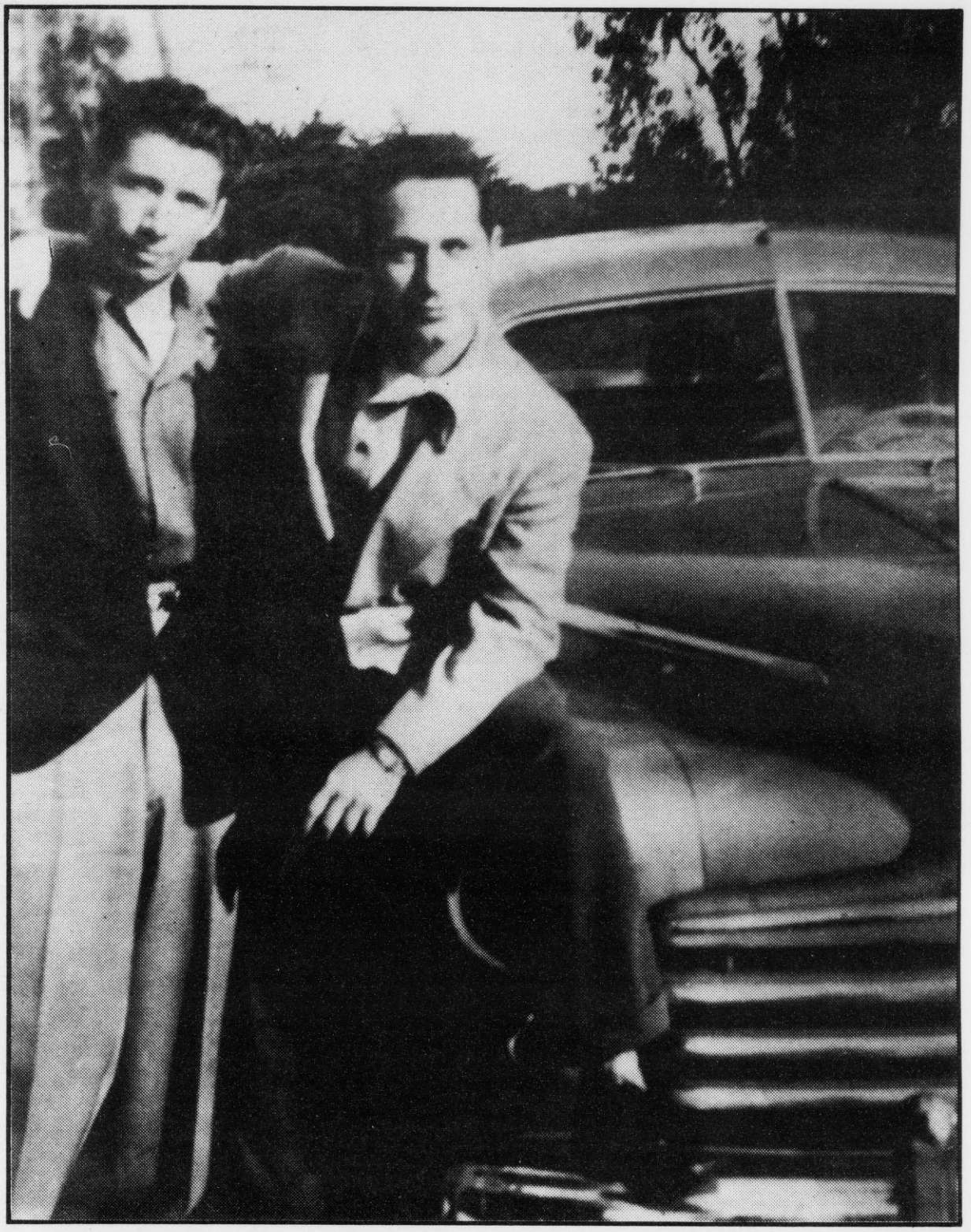
"Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker" will show as part of the Nat'l Educational Film and Video Festival on May 22. Calendar has info.



MAY 20 / THU

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a one-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA. 10 am-4 pm, $40. Napa Valley College, Napa. Info/reg: (707) 253-3070.

Mystery writers panel with Bay Area authors Lucha Corpi (*Eulogy for a Brown Angel*), Elizabeth Pincus (*Two-Bit Tango*) and Gloria White (*Murder on the Run*). Noon, free. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF.

At Alexander Book Co: Mystery writers Linda Grant (*Love Nor Money*), Marilyn Wallace (*Single Stone, Sisters in Crime*) and Gloria White (*Murder on the Run*) read from their latest work, followed by discussion. 5:30-7 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Zoe Dunning/Jose Zuniga Reception: Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance, Bay Area Career Women & MAX host a reception honoring US Navy Lt Zoe Dunning and US Army Sgt Jose Zuniga, both discharged as a result of coming out in the military. 6-8 pm, $35 donation. All proceeds go to support efforts to lift the military ban on lesbians & gay men. 2946 Pine St, SF. Info: 648-6158.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Readings & booksigning with authors Patrick McGrath (the perversely erotic *Dr Haggard's Disease*) and Jonathan Carroll (*After Silence*, about love & terror). 6-8 pm. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Gay & Lesbian World Travel Expo: Party/reception plus business seminar. Travelers learn about exotic adventures, cruises, exclusive resorts, bed & breakfasts and other travel options. 6:30-9:30 pm, $5. Refreshments available. Sheraton Palace Hotel, New Montgomery at Market (park at the Sutter-Stockton garage), SF. Info: (800) 827-3020.

My Home, My Prison: Don't miss this moving film documentary on the life and work of reknowed Palestinian activist Raymonda Tawil; produced and directed by Susana Blaustein Munoz and Erica Marcus. Film screens tonight and tmw, 7 & 9 pm at the Roxie Cinema, 16th & Valencia, SF (431-3611) and on 5/26 at 5:15, 7:15 & 9:15 at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave, Berkeley; (510) 843-6267.

3-wk Tarot Class with Susan Levitt. Sausalito location. Learn to read the cards! 7-9 pm. Info/res: 331-1028.

Women's Health Forum spons by Harvey Milk Democratic Club. 7:30-9:30 pm at the Women's Building Dining Hall, 3543 18th St, SF.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Eugene Garber reads from his new novel, *The Historian: Six Fantasies of the American Experiences*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Peninsula PFLAG: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meet 7:30 pm at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park. Tonight's topic: Gay History, and Why March? Safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Gay, lesbian & bisexual persons are welcome to attend. Info: 857-1058.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Lesbian Heroines. Bring your stories about your favorite role models or heroines. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Ecofeminist author/witch Starhawk reads from *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, a visionary Utopian novel set in the middle of the next century. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

"One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," comedy writers/performers Joseph Leonardi & Jeff Thompson return to Josie's with the sequel to their hit comedy, "One of These Days." The gay sons of The Honeymooners are back, still late on the rent, looking for love & living in the Castro. This time they share their adventures with their mascara-wearing neighbor, Babs; her "in the Army" ex-lover, Delilah; and their silver-haired, acid-tongued landlord, Ernie. It's Frank's 35th birthday and he's in for the surprise of his life. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 5/30 at 8 pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 21 / FRI

Women's Herbal Symposium: 3rd annual Northern California Women's Herbal Symposium on 5/21-24 and Memorial Day weekend, 5/28-31. Event celebrates the wisdom of women & plants, each weekend is a separate event, with different teachers & classes. Beginning, intermediate & advanced classes offered in a variety of topics including aromatherapy, Chinese medicine, women's health, ayurvedic medicine, flower essences, herbal first aid, herbal cosmetics, family care & more. Held at Ocean Song, a 400 acre wilderness center with views of the ocean & surrounding hills. Fee: $115-175 SL. Info: SASE to NCWHS, PO Box 599, Sebastopol, or call (707) 823-6125 or (707) 824-1429.

Sex Is... Marc Huestis & Lawrence Helman's award-winning film (winner of the Audience Prize for Best Gay Film at the 1983 Berlin Int'l Film Festival), a bold, penetrating look at the meaning of sex & sexuality in the lives of gay men. Film focuses on a broad spectrum of men, age 19-72, who talk openly & honestly about the many ways sexuality has shaped their identities. Film screens today thru 5/27 at Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF and 5/28-29 at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave, Berkeley.

BACW East Bay TGIF: Join Bay Area Career Women for a friendly end-of-week social. Join old friends, meet new ones! 6-8:30 pm, $5. Central Park Restaurant, 344 20th St, Oakland (downtown Oakland, in the Kaiser Mall, between Harrison & Webster).

Celebrating Women's Spirituality: 6th Annual Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF's Women's Retreat '93. Music, worship, small & large group gatherings, play, good food, workshops, volleyball, swimming, walks fun! Come rekindle friendships, form new ones. 5/21-23. Valley of the Moon Camp, Glen Ellen, Calif. $75 fee includes lodging in cabins, food, car-pooling. To register send reg fee to MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF 94114, attn: Registrar. Include your name, address w/zip code, phone numbers & special needs (diet, medical, housing, etc).

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay, tonight & 5/28. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Ice Cream Social with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. 7 pm, $3 donation requested. Call Veronica 494-6211 for info/directions.

At Mama Bears: Concert by keyboard duo *Key of East* (Remy Arnone Rodriguez & Mary Gemini). 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Women's spirituality pioneer Starhawk reads from her first novel, *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, a futuristic epic combining the best & worst possible worlds. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

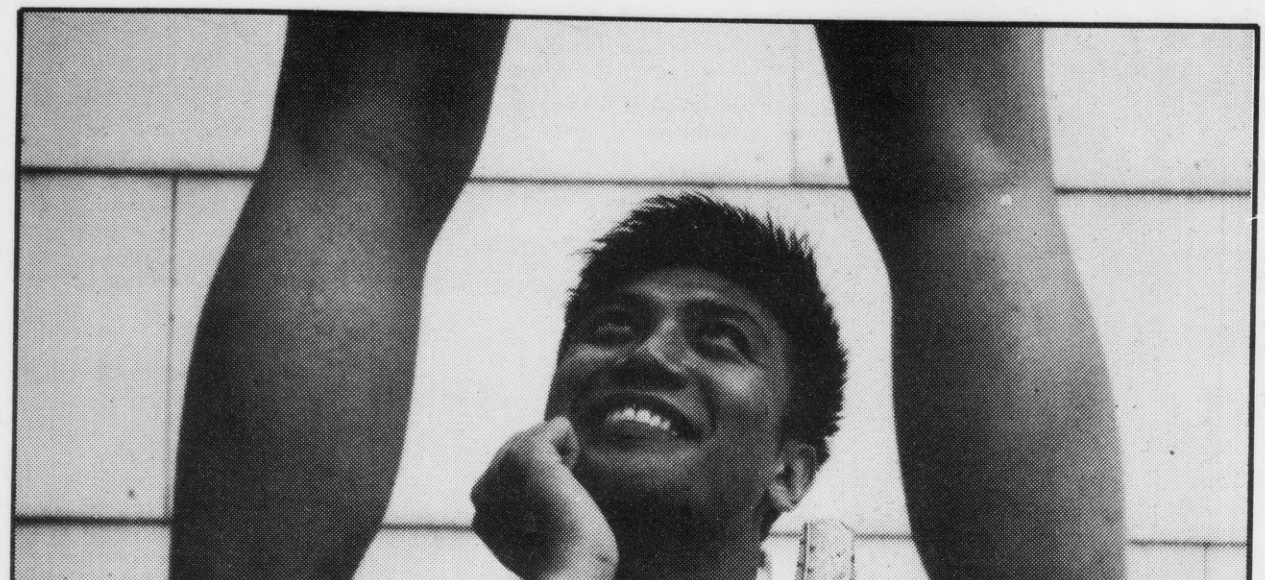
The Struggle to End the Blockade Against Cuba: Public forum featuring Dante Sanchez Salazar, Baptist minister from Cuba; Amparo Martinez of the Mexican group Va Por Cuba and Rev Dorsey Odell Blake of the Center for Urban Black Studies. Discussion & cultural presentations to organize second caravan to Cuba. Tix $5-10, proceeds go toward purchase of humanitarian aid. 7:30 pm, Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way (at College), Berkeley. Spons by US-Cuba Friendshipment/Bay Area. Info: (510) 273-9199.

"Personal Energy & Qigong for Peak Performance," lecture by Effie Poy Yew Chow, PhD, RN, CA. 7:30 pm at UCSF Health Sciences West Bldg, Room 300, 513 Parnassus St, SF. $7 gen'l, $5 stdnt. Info: (415) 461-6650 or (510) 841-6810.

Dark Shadows Party: Social gathering for fans & friends. Come celebrate the lives, deaths & loves of Barnabas, Angelique and the rest of the Collins clan. Night of potluck, videos & fun, starting at 7:30 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

My Home, My Prison, film documentary about a Palestinian women activist, see 5/20.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Maria Herrera-Sobek (*The Mexican Corrido: A Feminist Analysis*) presents her new book, *Northward Bound: The Mexican Immigrant Experience in Ballad &*



Go!Boy!Go! Contest at the Rubber Club on May 30, presented by Asian AIDS Project. Check Calendar date for info.

Song. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Depo-Provera Is It Really Safe? Discussion spons by Prairie Fire. 20 years ago Depo Provera, an injectable birth control drug, was banned in the US because clinical studies revealed it to be unsafe. In late 1992 the FDA approved its use beginning this year. Many health care advocates still believe this drug is unsafe. Tonight's event features speaker Luz Alvarez Martinez, director of the National Latina Health Organization, plus screening of segments from the 1984 film, *The Ultimate Test Animal* which document the experiences of women who have used Depo Provera and the efforts of women's health groups to block FDA approval. 7:30 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Childcare available, reserve 48 hrs in adv. Info/res: 330-5310. Proceeds benefit the National Latina Health Organization. No one turned away for lack of funds.

An Eve with Ram Dass, "Consciousness & Current Events," part of a lecture series to benefit Seva Foundation. 7:30 pm, $15. Tonight at Palace of Fine Arts, SF; tmw at Berkeley Community Theater, Berkeley. Tix at BASS.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Editors Elizabeth Lapowsky Kennedy and Madeline D Davis discuss their new book, *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of A Lesbian Community*, a look at several decades in the lives of Buffalo, New York women. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

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Move It! Benefit for *Venus Infers*, a new leatherwomen's journal due to be published in June. Tonight's event is a dance extravaganza featuring Richter scale sounds from DJ Downtown Donna & exotic dancers. Come move it to the beat, tuck tips in a stripper's g-string, find Ms Right or Ms Right Now; have beer, soft drinks or snacks. All genders are welcome! 8 pm-midnight, $7.50 in adv (tix at A Different Light Bookstore in SF). $10 at door. Women's Building, 3543 18th St, btwn Guerrero & Valencia, SF. Info: 333-1723.

Public Forum: Capitalism in the Balkans Means Nationalist Slaughter. A working class analysis of the crisis in the former Yugoslavia. 8 pm, $5 donation requested. No one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by Revolutionary Trotskyist League. Mission Neighborhood Center, 362 Capp St nr 19th, SF. Info: (510) 464-3084.

Family Home Evening (FHE), ongoing hundred percent audience participatory noise laboratory. Bring noise makers of all sorts & join in! Limited number of noise makers on hand for your use. Everyone welcome. 9 pm at the Chameleon, 853 Valencia St, SF. Info: 552-8069.

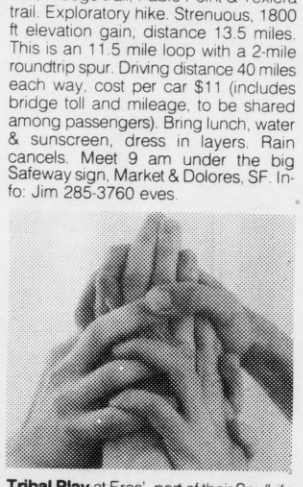
Alix Dobkin at Josie's Cabaret: Legendary & controversial lesbian singer/songwriter ("Lavender Jane Loves Women") performs one-night-only at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. 10 pm, $10. Don't miss. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 22 / SAT

Women & Cancer Walk: 2nd annual event raises funds & visibility for community-based health organizations working on women & cancer issues. Walk starts at 9 am at Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park, SF. Registration 8-9 am. For pledge sheets/other info: 487-6224. Women, men & children are welcome. Spons by Women & Cancer Project.

Pt Richmond Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 80 to 580 toward the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Harbor Way South, go left 1/2+ mile. Turn left on South Garrard thru tunnel. Park along curb above the park. Meet at 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore Hike with SF Hiking Club: Olema Valley trail, Bolema trail, Ridege trail, Pablo Point & Texiera trail. Exploratory hike. Strenuous, 1800 ft elevation gain, distance 13.5 miles. This is an 11.5 mile loop with a 2-mile roundtrip spur. Driving distance 40 miles each way, cost per car $11 (includes bridge toll and mileage, to be shared among passengers). Bring lunch, water & sunscreen, dress in layers. Rain cancels. Meet 9 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Info: Jim 285-3760 eves.



Tribal Play at Eros', part of their Sex/Life series. Ritual for trust, celebration & nudity between men. 7:30-10 pm, $15. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

10th Annual Himalayan Fair: Today & tmw, 10 am-7 pm at North Berkeley's Live Oak Park, Shattuck & Berryman, Berkeley. Come celebrate life in the Himalayas—enjoy authentic Himalayan food, art, crafts & entertainment. Proceeds support projects to preserve Himalayan culture & environment. $3 donation. Raffle prizes. Info: (510) 527-3960.

Cataract Falls Hike with Marin Hike 'n' Bike Club: Meet 11 am at Rock Spring parking lot on Mt Tam, ocean side, for a three-hour easy descent/moderate ascent hike alongside Marin's most scenic waterfalls. Info: Jim 388-6505.

48-Hr Lesbian & Gay Drive-In at Roxie Cinema, SF. Today & tmw. Schedule: Sat, noon: Calamity Jane, That Tender Touch. Sat at 4 pm: *The Strange One, Myra Breckinridge*. Sat at 8 pm: *Caged, Liquid Sky*. Sun at noon, *Empire State, Who Killed Teddy Bear?* Sun at 3:45 pm: Club Des Femmes, Children's Hour. Sun at 7:30 pm: *Pantyhose Heroes, Outrageous*. Co-spons by Frameline, Odyssey & Girl Jock. Tix $6 each, sold on a double-feature basis. Limited number of drive-in passes (good for all screenings) are available for $35. Call 703-8650 for info.

Rose Garden Under One Roof: Amateur rose gardeners gather noon-4 pm today to learn how to improve their craft. SF author/*Chronicle* columnist Rayford Redell signs copies of the 2nd edition of *The Rose Book*. Rose expert Rick Weeks presents rose tips for plants that will succeed in SF weather. Proceeds from the sale of *The Rose Book* benefit Under One Roof/The Shop for AIDS Relief. 2362 Market ST, SF. UOR sells merchandise from 50 Bay Area AIDS organizations and returns one hundred percent of each sale directly back to the agencies. For more info call Phil 550-1650.

Sex Is... film at the Castro, see 5/21.

Open Mike at A Different Light Bookstore: Bay Area lesbian/gay writers read works in progress. 1:30 pm. Host Rob Goldstein. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Harvey Does Pacific Heights: A celebration of Harvey Milk's 63rd birthday, a reception in the home of Angela Alioto, spons by Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club. Hosts: Roberta Achtenberg, Angela Alioto, Tom Ammiano, Harry Britt, Angie Fa, Carol Migden and Tim Wolfred. Activist Awards: HIV Issues Commitee honors Prevention Point for their work on needle exchange in SF and Sandra Hernandez for leadership in the fight against AIDS. The Queer Rights Committee posthumously honors queer rights & AIDS activist Everett Denman. 2-4 pm, $25. 2606 Pacific Ave, SF. Info/res: Cooley Windsor 664-5920.

F/X Player Auditions for the 1960s musical "Hair." Open auditions for this production scheduled for the 4th of July. Today and tmw at F/X The Club, 400 South First St, San Jose. For details call the hotline: (408) 298-6861.

Is God Sexy? An afternoon workshop designed to facilitate the integration of sexuality and spirituality. Four dynamic individuals share what they have discovered thru struggling with the volatile issues of sexuality & Christianity. Wkshop also includes brief discussion of church history & sexuality issues, small group sharing, resource literature, prayer & fellowship. 2-6 pm, $10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Metropolitan Community Church of SF (MCC-SF), 150 Eureka St, SF. Info/res: 621-3297.

Butch-Femme Day at Mama Bears: Celebration/bookparty for the publication of Elizabeth Kennedy & Madeline Davis' *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold*, a wonderful book documenting the lives of bar dykes in Buffalo, NY, over the past 60 years. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) 'Zine Committee meets at 3 pm. Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

Act of Intimacy with X-Plicit Players. Cast & audience savor each other in a hypnotic ritual of tenderness—"dare to find X-Plicit Playing beyond taboos of touch, where performance is web-weaving between us." 5 pm, $12. At New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: (510) 540-0907.

Gay & Lesbian Comedy Night at Tea Spot Cafe, with comics Shan Carr, Suzy Berger & Hank Donat. Emcee Lisa Geduldig. Dinner served 6-9 pm, show at 9 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 848-7376.

Film *Changing Our Minds:* *The Dr Evelyn Hooker Story* screens as part of the 23rd Annual National Educational Film & Video Festival. *Changing Our Minds* is the Academy Award-nominated film about a gay rights pioneer, produced by David Haughland and the late Richard Schmiechen. 6:30 pm, $5. At the James Moore Theatre, Oakland Museum. 10th & Oak Sts, Oakl. Ample underground parking available. The film festival continues thru 5/23. Info: (510) 465-6885.

Women's Art Project: Taraneh Hemani discusses her work, "Journeys to Memory." 7:30-9:30 pm at the Women's Building, Multipurpose Room, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 641-8640.

At A Different Light Bookstore: A eve of "high crime" with lesbian mystery writers Elizabeth Pincus and Mary Wings. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy and Madeline Davis discuss their new book, *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold*, a groundbreaking account of the growth of the lesbian community in Buffalo, New York, from the 1930s thru the '60s. Co-spons by the Gay/Lesbian Historical Society. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

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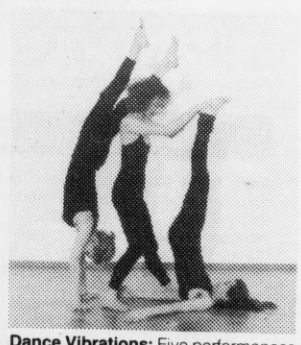
Talent Show '93: A clean and sober fundraiser spons by Living Sober, a conference for people in recovery from alcohol. 6:30-7:30 pm meeting hosted by the SF Gay & Lesbian fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, followed by fundraiser 8-11 pm. Wheelchair Accessible. Childcare provided. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

In Concert: Bernice Johnson Reagon & Toshi Reagon at First Presbyterian Church, 27th & Broadway, Oakland. Produced by Redwood Records. Concert followed by booksigning for *We'll Understand It Better By & By: Pioneering African-American Gospel Composers*, edited by Bernice Johnson Reagon. Tix $20, $2 discount for seniors, children under 12 and the disabled. Info: (510) 835-1445.

Toshi Reagon and Bernice Johnson Reagon in concert in Oakland on May 22. For details, see above.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Singer/songwriter Alix Dobkin in concert. Doors open at 8 pm, concert starts at 8:30. Tix $7-10. Info: (408) 293-9372. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

At Mama Bears: Music & comedy improv with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon). 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.



Dance Vibrations: Five performances of original New Dance works, created and performed by Move the Roots. 8:30 pm tonight thru 5/23 at Motivity Studio, 2525 8th St at Dwight, Berkeley; 5/29-30 at 8:30 pm at The Next Stage, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St, SF; 6/1 at 8:30 pm at DanceGround Keriac, 1805 Divisadero ST, SF. Tix $7-12 SL fee. Info/res: 775-5663.

Gay & Lesbian Comedy Night at The Tea Spot Cafe, with Shan Carr, Suzy Berger & Hank Donat. Emcee Lisa Geduldig. Doors open at 8:30 pm, show starts at 9. Tix $7. Dinner served 6-9 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Honeypot at the DNA Lounge, with *Something Happens*. 9 pm. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 626-1409.

SF Fringe Riders, women's country-western dance troupe, perform original 2-step, waltz and west-coast swing numbers at the Bay Area Regional Rodeo at the Cow Palace. 9:15 pm. Info: Rodeo Hotline: 985-5200.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Danny Williams, Karen Ripley & Mimi Freed. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Bones of Contention, True Margrit* and *Love Posse*, w/*Moedark*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 23 / SUN

Female Firepower: Workshop for women, spons by The Source/Workshops for Women. Led by Masako Young, certified gun trainer & foremost authority on women's ownership of guns. Young discusses the legal & moral implications of use of force; special needs of women who choose to purchase a firearm for self-protection; gun safety, care & handling; and gun training opportunities for women. The workshop is not a forum for or against gun control, but is a place for women to get all the facts and make their own decisions. 9 am-noon at the Berkeley Conference Center, 2105 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Fee: $39 adv, $45 at door. Info/reg: The Source (510) 559-9710.

48-Hour Lesbian & Gay Drive—In: Queer curios & Hollywood oddities at the Roxie, spons by Frameline. See 5/22. Final day!

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans New Members BBQ: In Golden Gate Park, SF. Meet at Pioneer Cabin, across from the Rose Garden (near 16th Ave & JFK Blvd). Bring dish to share and something to barbecue. For time & other info call 281-5666.

Our Jewish Bodies—A Women's Health Conference: Spons by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Opportunity for women of all ages, traditions & lifestyles to explore critical issues affecting women's health. Keynote Speakers: Sandra Butler, MA, author/educator and former director of the SF Sexual Trauma Center. Butler speaks on "Cancer & Violence Against Women & Children: Parallels & Strategies." Judith Cohen, MPH, PhD, epidemiologist at UCSF, speaks on "More Than Chicken Soup: Naming Our Illnesses, Recognizing Our Health." Laurie Zoloth Dorfman, BSN, PhD, ethicist & consultant, speaks on "Our Jewish Bodies, Our Women's Selves." Conference includes workshops & panel discussions on politics & gender bias in health care, life cycles, food, alternative therapies and more. Fee: $30 gen'l, $20 stdnts & low income. Free for women under 18 or over 70. Bag lunch $5. Early registration strongly advised. Info/reg: 861-6932.

Pt Reyes Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: Strenuous, steep, fast-paced hike to Mt Vision from Limatour Road. 10 miles roundtrip. Meet 9 am at Thrifty, Church & Market, SF or at Muddy Hollow Trailhead off Limantour Road at 10 am. Info: 281-5666 (voicemail).

10th Annual Himalayan Fair in Berkeley: Final day! See 5/22.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Spectrum Mtg. Noon-2 pm. Topic: Creating Our Future. Potluck & planning meeting for future activities. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: 457-1115.

Lesbian Potluck in Marin County: All lesbians & kids of lesbians are invited—please don't bring BBQ and try to wear only unscented products (soap, etc). No smoking or alcohol. Polite female dogs are also welcome. Noon at Deer Park, at the end of Porteous Drive (by Meerna, Fairfax). For info/directions: 459-2771.

Food Not Bombs celebrates 13 years of taking nonviolent direct action by providing free vegetarian food: Noon at SF City Hall. Free music, free food, free fun! Info: 330-5030.

Cunt Play by Dossie Easton. Class spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational/artistic classes for the s/m community. Dossie discusses &

demos the skillful use of bondage, clips & things that are hot, cold, smooth, rough or sharp. This is NOT a class on fisting or penetration, it covers external s/m oriented sensations. $15. Doors open 12:30 pm, class held 1-3:30 pm in a private SF space. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info/location: 550-7776.

Sex Is... film at the Castro, see 5/21.

SF Fringe Riders, women's country-western dance troupe, perform at the Bay Area Regional Rodeo at the Cow Palace. Info: 985-5200.

"Men Pleasuring Men," at Eros, with John Sabel or Matthew Simmonons. Nude group oil massage, presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. 2-5 pm, $20. Info: 864-3767.

Ecumenical Celebration of Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Leaders in Ministry. 3 pm at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Spons by NVM. Info: 282-2317.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm. Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

Daughters of the Dust screening, followed by talk on African American women filmmakers, with Intersection writer-in-residence Harryette Mullen. 3 pm. Intersection, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-2787.

Organ Concert at Church of the Advent of Christ the King. Paul Ellison performs music by Bach, Buxtehude, Albinoni, Verdi & Langlais. Reception follows. 3:30 pm, $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts, srs, PWAs. 261 Fell St, btwn Franklin & Gough, SF. Tix avail at door, or call 431-5439 for info/res.

"The Lady from Havana," staged reading of play by Luis Santeiro. Comedy & drama mix when Mama leaves Castro's Cuba to be with her daughter in the United States. Presented by Latin American Theater Artists. 4 pm today, 8:30 pm tmw at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St at 24th, SF. Tix $3. Performances in English. Info: 771-0654.

ARTEA Chamber Orchestra in Concert: "Dusan Bobb, 1949-1993, a Celebration of his Life," program retrospective of Dusan's work with ARTEA over the past 15 years, including works by Vivaldi, Vaughan Williams, Respighi, Copland, Dvorak & others. 4 pm, $15. Stndts, srs & disabled, half-price. Concert held in the Green Room, War Memorial Veterans Bldg, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. Jose Luis Moscovich, conductor. Info: 399-0909.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *La Sonora Caribena*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Tear Gas Certification/Self-Defense Wkshop at ClaireLight Women's Books, offered by Worthington-Fein Self-Protection Services. 5-8 pm, $25 adv, $29 at door. Addt'l $9.50 required for state certification. Adv reg in person is strongly recommended. Info: (707) 575-8879. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa.

Courting Your Art Market: Spons by LVA (Lesbian Visual Artists). Artists Lenore Chinn & Laura Irene Wayne present their ideas & experiences in identifying as artists & marketing their work. Lynette Molnar, artist & director of Eye Gallery, discusses educating the lesbian community about the arts & ways to support our artists. 4:30-8 pm, $10-$25 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St nr 8th, SF. Program begins at 5 pm. ASL available with 48 hrs notice. Wheelchair access from Minna Street. Snacks provided. Info/res: 821-2975.

Club Cream, new safer sex club for women, holds its first party tonight, 7-10 pm at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Club Cream features diverse play environments, from soft & sensual to a specially designed dungeon. Shower, sauna & towel service available, as well as secure clothes check. Trained monitors facilitate safe & sexy play. Non-alcoholic beverages & hors d'oeuvres available, no alcohol available or allowed. Come explore SF's new wild girl environment! Info: The Cream Line 703-7160.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Psychologist Rik Isensee reads from his first novel for lesbian & gay youth, *We're Not Alone*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

AIDS Candlelight Memorial: 10th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization occurs worldwide today (event is being observed in 370 cities in 55 nations). Local participants gather at 8 pm at the corner of Castro & Market Sts to march down Market Street to the steps of SF City Hall, where a short ceremony will be held. The remembrance ends at 10 pm. Bring your own candles & protective cups. The event honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS & demonstrates support for those living with AIDS. Spons by Mobilization Against AIDS. Volunteers are needed, call 863-4676 to volunteer or for more information.

"One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," the gay sons of The Honeymooners return to Josie's Cabaret, see 5/20.

At Cabaret Du Nord: Chanteuse extraordinaire Laurie Amat, actor/writer Kenneth Robert Dixon, Tzamboni & emcee Derek Felton. 8:30 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

MAY 24 / MON

Sex Is... film at the Castro, see 5/21.

At A Different Light Bookstore. Judy Nelson signs her *Love Match*, her tell-all book about her life & love with Martina Navratilova. 6:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Free Home-Care Skills Training: Practical skills training for partners, friends & families who are providing care at home for persons with AIDS. Offered by Home Care Companions over 5 weeknight evenings (5/24-28), 7-10 pm, at Davies Medical Center, SF. All non-professional care partners who are now or will be helping a loved ones with AIDS in their home are welcome to attend the training. Adv reg is required. Info/reg: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Carolyn Dinshaw (*Chaucer's Sexual Politics*) explores the question "What Causes Heterosexuality?" from a queer perspective in a talk about her work-in-progress *Straight is the Gate: The Construction of the Heterosexual Subject in Late Medieval England*. 7:30 pm, $3-7 SL donation benefits the Gay/Lesbian Historical Society. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Bay Area Playwrights Festival 16 Kickoff Party/Benefit: Live music by SF entertainers, delicious food by local restaurants. Party features short performances from the Festival's "10 minute play" competition and announcement of the upcoming (7/27-8/8) Festival season. 7:30-9:30 pm, $35 benefit, $75 benefit plus admission to all events at the upcoming festival. Crown Point Press Gallery, 657 Howard St at Hawthorne, SF. Info/res: 255-2254.

History of the Labor Movement/Pt I: Multimedia theater production written and directed by Albert Vetere Lannon, SFSU labor studies teacher & former union official. 7:30 pm, free. Creative Arts Building, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF.

"Visionary Literacy," a talk on art, literature & indigenous African writing systems by Intersection writer-in-residence Harryette Mullen. 8 pm, $4. Intersection, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-2787.

eXchange Staged Reading Series at Studio 2505: "Floater," by Casey McCabe. Malibu and the deconstruction of myth. 8 pm, donation at door. 2505 Mariposa St, SF.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Musical at New Conservatory Theater, 25 Van Ness Ave nr Market, SF. $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-8972.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Amy Boyd. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"The Lady from Havana," at Teatro Mision, see 5/23. Final day!

Mini Pearl Necklace at Cabaret Showcase at Cafe Du Nord. A night of "the best of bad cabaret" featuring SF performance giant George Coats with Rodney O'Neal Austin on vocals, Eric Schultz on guitar & percussion, Christine Green on upright bass. Night of gender-bending sensibility, quirky ingenuity, country girl music. 9 pm tonight & 5/31, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

MAY 25 / TUE

Sex Is... film at the Castro, see 5/21.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by physique aritst Bill Milligan. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

"Understanding the Wave of Change: Uranus Conjunct Neptune, Saturn Square Pluto," presented by Leo Talarico. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

"Basic Bondage: Simple Safe & Secure," wkshop with Hal. Presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 7:30-10 pm, $15. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

"Journey to Your Anus, Pt 1," wkshop with Buzz Bense. Presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. 7:30-10 pm, $15. Info: 864-3767.

"Bottoms Up: Bar-Hopping Queers of the Silver Screen," at Josie's Cabaret. Daniel Mangin shares his film & comment show, a look at what happens when Hollywood's homosexuals get inside gay bars. Final show! 8 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Poetry Reading from Trimmings, S*PERM**K*T and Muse & Drudge. 8 pm, $4. Intersection, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-2787.

The Divas Remember Trinity Place: Party/cabaret benefit co-hosted by Samantha Samuels & Sharon McNight, featuring Lynda Bergren, Val Diamond, Ruth Hastings, Weslia Whitfield, Gail Wilson and *Nicholas, Glover & Wray*. 8 pm, $25 donation benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund & Under One Roof. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St at Polk SF. Tix at BASS or GAMH Box Office.

MAY 26 / WED

At Alexander Book Co: Will Self, author of *Cock and Bull* reads & signs copies of his highly acclaimed first book. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

"Living Together Constructively With Diversity & Tolerance," a public forum spons by the American Psychiatric Association. Speakers: Carole Migden, SF Board of Supervisors and Price Cobbs, MD, psychiatrist & author of *Black Rage*. Cobbs & Migden discuss diversity issues from the gay/lesbian, African American, Asian & Hispanic vantage points. Noon-1 pm at Moscone

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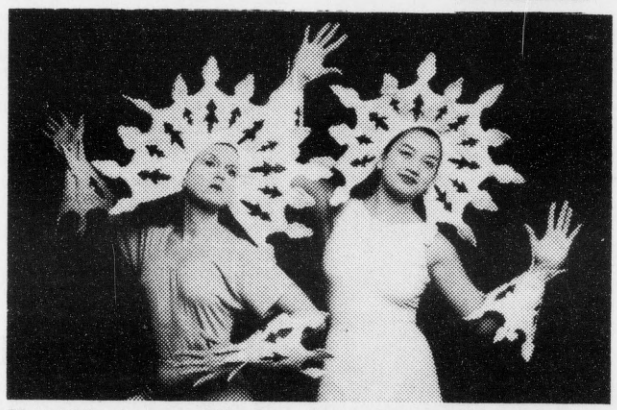

The children's opera "The Snow Queen," at Live Oak Theatre.

Photo by Ray Young

Group for Lesbian Mothers with Children: Come together with other new mothers and share the joys and concerns that are part of the transition to motherhood. Group meets Wed mornings in the Eastbay, see Parenting section in the Classifieds for details.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program sponsors **Choosing Children Seminar:** 6/15—7/27, 7-9 pm, $10 per evening. Series of panel discussions on becoming a parent and the variety of choice possible in creating alternative families. Topics include considering parenthood, legal issues, getting pregnant, lesbians & gay men parenting together, adoption, choices in pregnancy & birth. All events are held at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. For pre-reg or more info call 565-7674.

Lesbian Family Day at Slide Ranch, a nonprofit education center located on a small farm in Marin. Lesbians with or without children are welcome to spend a day of discovery on the farm—hike along ocean trails, make bread & cheese, enjoy the excitement of being alive outdoors. 5/29. 10 am-3 pm. $12 per person. For info/reg call 381-6155.

Marin A La Carte: 5/30-31. This Memorial Day weekend event, modeled after SF's "A la Carte, A la Park," features an international festival of tastes, showcasing Marin's fine restaurants & varied cuisine. Family-style event features musical entertainment and many children's activities. 11 am-6 pm at Lagoon Park, Marin Civic Center, San Rafael. Tix: $6.50 gen'l, $5 jrs & srs, kids under 12 are free. Info: Events West 383-WEST.

The Snow Queen: an original children's opera based on the fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson, is presented by Spellbound Productions, 5/20-22 at 8 pm and 5/22-23 at 2 pm. Opera provides iconoclastic female images that challenge prevailing stereotypes. Tix $10 adults, $7.50 kids, reservations strongly recommended. call (510) 420-0525. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Sleeping Birdie: Sesame Street Live presents a play which asks the question, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the yellowest of them all?" Play features the popular furry & feathered Jim Henson Semsame Street Muppets, the delightful Tee Hee from planet Crayon and the Yellow Queen. 6/9-10 at 7 pm, 6/11 at 10:30 am and 7 pm, 6/12 at 10:30 am, 2 pm & 5:30 pm, 6/13 at 1 & 4:30 pm. Oakland Coliseum, Coliseum Way at Hegenberger Rd, Oakl. Tix $10 & $8. Limited premium seating $15. Info/res: (510) 332-2447.

4th Annual Bay Area Kidfest: 5/29-30. Quality family event at the Concord Pavilion, Memorial Day Weekend. Alvin & the Chipmunks present their live production, "Rock the Country Jukebox" featuring songs from their new smash country album, "Chipmunks in Low Places". Plus entertainment by Sam Wright (the voice of Sebastian the Crab in "The Little Mermaid") and Bob McGrath, one of the original hosts of Sesame Street. In addition to the Pavilion concert, KidFest features several entertainment stages, including a Puppet & Storytelling Theatre, Clown Alley and a Stunt Show. Kids can also participate in 5 educational activity centers—KidEarth, spons by Contra Costa Water District, teaches kids about the environment. KidCare teaches about health & safety. KidSport allows kids to participate in some professional sports activities with help from local athletes. KidArt allows kids to create art projects they can take home, and KidQuest explores the mysteries of science. Children may also have fun on two new rides—KidFest Tour Train and the Thrill Simulator. Tix $3 for KidFest Plaza admission. $12.50 general admission to the Pavilion concert, kids under 2 are free. Special discount combo ticket $9.50 includes admission to both KidFest Plaza activity and the Pavilion stage concert. Info: KidFest Hotline (510) 671-3393.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 5/29: Songs & stories from around the world with Nancy Raven. 6/5: Stories & songs for the young at heart with storyteller/African thumb piano player Diane Ferlatte. This is the last children's program at La Pena until the fall, don't miss! 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Cody's for Kids: Barbara Chan gives an interactive presentation of her multicultural computer activity book, *Kid Pix Around the World*, demonstrating creative uses for Kid Pix software. 5/22 at 1 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Storytime at Cody's: Held every Sat afternoon at Cody's Bookstore at 3 pm, unless another children's event is scheduled for that day. For info/schedule call (510) 845-7852. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. ***Sat Workshop Schedule***—5/22: **Drop-In Pots** with Dennis Treanor. Learn about the history of pottery making from many cultures, watch demos of how to use the potter's wheel, make your own pot on the wheel, with help from instructor. $3 per person. 5/29: **Forests of the Sea** with Carol Preston. Learn about fascinating creatures of the kelp forest thru slides and a touch table of sea stars, crabs & other interesting creatures. Create your own kelp forest diorama with what you learn. $3 per person. Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

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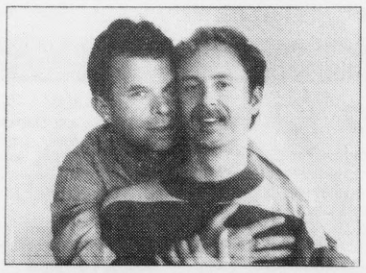

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Sex Is... film at the Castro, see 5/21.
My Home, My Prison: Film documentary on Palestinian activist Raymonda Tawil, see 5/20 listing for details. Final screening!
Project Inform Update Town Meeting: Provides info on new treatment developments & current research; for HIV positive people and the general audience. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 558-9051. Call for time & other info.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
5th Annual Benefit for Women with Cancer: Organizational meeting for upcoming event (10/23) featuring Alive! and Axis Dance Troupe at Palace of Fine Arts. Info/location Melissa 995-2581.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Open lesbian/gay reading welcomes authors of both poetry & prose to share their work. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Men Touching Wkshop with John Sabel. Guided exploration of the heart/cock connection. Presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. 7:30-10 pm, $20. Info: 864-3767.
"One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," the gay sons of The Honeymooners return to Josie's Cabaret—see 5/20 listing for details.
At Faster Pussycat!" *The Mudwimmin* with guest DJ Debbie Fix. 3160 16th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. 9 pm. Info: 561-9771.

meet other hike leaders, help plan upcoming hikes. Call Phil if you know you are going: (510) 236-6911.
Stop AIDS Project group for gay & bisexual men over 50: Informal one-time meeting where men can talk openly about the AIDS epidemic and what we can do about it. 7 pm. For info/location call 621-7177.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Partners in Healing, a talk by Elaine Brady, PhD in how to support each other in the healing process. All women are welcome. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
"1993 March on Washington: A Bisexual Perspective," Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) community forum on the march, the speakers & the 2nd Nat'l Bisexual Conference. 7:30-9:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Wheelchair accessible. $3-5 SL fee. Info: 564-BABN.
At The Booksmith: *Bay Area mystery writer Julie Smith, the first woman to win the coveted Edgar Allan Poe Award since 1956, reads from her new book Jazz Funeral*, the third in her New Orleans series. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.
"One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," the gay sons of The Honeymooners return to Josie's Cabaret, see 5/20.
Concert: UCSF Orchestra with guest saxophonist John Handy. 8pm, $15 orchestra, dress circle, box seats; $7 stdnts, $8 balcony. Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: City Box Office 392-4400.
Savage Jazz Dance Co in concert at Laney College: Tonight thru 5/30. All shows at 8 pm, except Thurs & Sun shows, which are at 7 pm. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door; $8 srs & stdnts. Info/res: (510) 465-0561.

Gay and lesbian comedy with Shan Carr and others at Tea Spot Cafe in Berkeley on May 22.

MAY 27 / T H U

Audubon Canyon Ranch Trip with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans—today's the reservation deadline, see 5/31.
Asian American Jazz Festival: "The Filipino Legacy: The Next Generation," is the theme of the 12th annual fest which runs today thru 5/30. This year's festival celebrates the contributions of Filipino artists and features pianist Bobby Enriquez, poet/novelist Jessica Hagedorn, and other Bay Area musicians. Schedule: 5/27, 8 & 10 pm: Performances at Club Jazz, 55 So. Market St, San Jose. 5/28 & 29 at 8 pm: Performances at Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. 5/30 at 8 pm: "An Evening with Bobby Enriquez, 8 pm benefit performance at Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. For tix & other info call 668-6404.
Sex Is... film at the Castro, see 5/21.
At Alexander Book Co: Poetry reading with poets Tom Barrett & Trebor, plus musical guest appearance by the *Dennis Thompson Group* jazz ensemble. Music begins at 5:30 pm, reading at 6. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Outings Planning Mtg: 6:30 pm at Capri Pizza. Come

MAY 28 / F R I

Gay Volleyball: 11th Annual North American Gay Volleyball Championships: 5/28-30 in the Southbay, spons by the South Bay Volleyball League. Playing sites include San Jose State University, West Valley College in Saratoga and De Anza College in Cupertino. Pool play begins today and ends on the 29th, determining the seeding for the double elimination championship round. Finals played on 5/30, with winners being decided in competitive play levels from Men's B to Men's AA. Awards banquet features comedian Scott Capurro as emcee. Over 500 athletes from across the continent are expected to participate in this event. Registration on 5/27 (Thurs eve) at the Crown Sterling Suites in Milpitas. For info call Bernard (408) 275-9174 or Phil (415) 431-0801.
14th Annual Carnaval SF: 3-day spectacular multicultural celebration of life. This year's parade is a tribute to Mother Earth, with the theme, "Love Your Mother, Protect Your Environment." Schedule: 5/29, 8 pm-2 am, Salsa Ball with headliner Eddie Palmiere, $18.50 adv, $22.50 at door; Cesar's Latin Palace, 3140 Mission St at Army, SF. 5/29: Carnaval Festival: 11 am-7 pm, Harrison St btwn 16th & 21st; free continuous live entertainment on 3 stages; food, crafts, exhibits. 5/30: Carnaval Grand Parade, 11 am-2 pm. Starts at 24th/Bryant, moves west on 24th to Mission, north on Mission to 14th, east on 14th to Harrison, south to Festival site; event is free with limited reserved seating, $12 adv, $15 at event. 8 pm-2 am, Carnaval Samba Ball at 650 Howard St with *Vival Brasil, Escola Nova de Samba, Ginga Brazil* and *Fogo na Roupa*. Tix $14 adv, $17 at door. Tix at BASS or call the Carnaval Hotline: 824-8999.
Sex Is... at UC Theatre, see 5/21.
Women's Country Western Class & Dance: In the Eastbay, see 5/21.
Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italiano. Last Fri eve of each month. For location & other info call 824-2323.
Savage Jazz Dance at Laney College, see 5/27.
"One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," the gay sons of The Honeymooners return to Josie's Cabaret, see 5/20.
Bay Area Writers Wkshop (BAWW): 6th annual event features a reading with acclaimed fiction writers and performance artists Jessica Hagedorn, Han Ong & David Wong Louie. Exploration of issues surrounding racial and gender identity. 8 pm, $7. Ft Mason Conference Center, SF. Info: 851-4568.
Asian American Jazz Fest—See 5/27.
Night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret with queer comics Tom Ammiano and Karen Ripley. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Honeypot at Club Boomerang, with *Corduroy*. 10 pm. 1840 Haight St, SF. Info: 387-2996.
Queer Rock with *Pansy Division* at Brave New World. Also *Tiger Trap*, great all-woman band from Sacramento plus pop punk with *Parasites*. 1751 Fulton St, SF.

MAY 29 / S A T

A Salute to Gay Veterans is the theme for this year's Memorial Day Weekend in Guerneville. Russian River event honors "the brave men & women who have served in the armed forces," especially those fighting to lift the ban on gays in the military. Party at the Ziggurat with live multimedia "USO" show to be taped by Lavender Lounge. Scheduled entertainers: pop-artist Tony George, tap-dancing diva Matthew Martin, Miss Ann Drogynous and the outragous camp-drag trio Acid Housewife, who debut their new military medley. Plus costume contest—fabulous prizes! Tix $10. 16135 Main St, Guerneville (take River Road exit off 101). Info: (707) 869-1400.
Sequoia-Bayview Joaquin Miller Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd and continue. 0.4 miles to trailhead on left. Meet at 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Sports Festival '93 spons by Team San Francisco. A "tune-up" for Gay Games IV, held thru Memorial Day weekend. Schedule: 5/29 at 1 pm: Martial arts (525-6356), wrestling (men & women. 821-2991) & table tennis exhibition (626-1787); Eureka Valley Rec Center, 100 Collingwood St, nr Castro & 18th, SF. Women's softball; location tba, call (510) 436-7959. Today & tmw. Boxing (Gay Golden Gloves. 377-6245); 534 Precita & Florida, off Army, SF; 7:30 pm. Physique '93, see 5/29 listing. Vollyball (NAGVA IX tournament, 5/29-30, call 431-0801. 5/30: Half-Marathon, 7 am walk, 7:30 am run. Starts at Olive Oil's, Pier 51, China Basin, SF; call 626-1380. Gay Tennis Federation Open, call 648-2780. SF Frontrunners Fun Run, call 863-0954 for details. Athlete's Reception: 5/29 at 7 pm at the SF Eagle, 12th St at Harrison, SF; call 282-9825 for details.
Buddy2Buddy Wkend: Today thru 5/30. $195 includes meals & lodging. Space limited to 40 men. Pair up in excercises that expand your ability to get close. Learn skilled communication that develops bonding & rapport; experience the unique closeness with other men that is available to you as a gay man. Facilitated by Tommy Phillips & Ed Tucker. Info/res: 239-7839. Spons by the Human Awareness Institute. SF location.
Arcadia Bodybuilding Society 7th Annual International Gay & Lesbian Bodybuilding Contest: Event is part of Team San Francisco's Sports Festival Weekend. Prelim's begin at 10 am, evening finals at 7 pm, at Lowell High School, 1101 Eucalyptus Way, SF (nr Stonestown Mall). For more info or tix call 978-9495.
Carnaval SF Festival: Multicultural extravaganza! See 5/28 listing for details. Continuous entertainment, 11 am-7 pm.
"A Requiem for the Unknown Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Soldiers," noon at the War Memorial, Van Ness & Fulton Sts, SF. Features honor guard, procession, speakers, wreath-laying. Speakers include: Soldier of the Year Sgt Jose Zuniga and Gypsy Tucker, USAF. Spons by GLAAD/SFBA (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation). Info: 861-4588 (voice) 861-4893 fax.
Magic of Astrology Class taught by Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm. Info/res: 331-1028.
Sex Is... at UC Theatre, see 5/21.
African Violet Society of SF/40th Annual Show & Sale: 2-5 pm today, 10 am-5 pm tmw. Displays of African Violet specimen plants, show plants, unusual varieties & different sizes, etc. Admission free. SF County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 751-6037.
Alternative Afternoon Show at El Rio with *Mermen, Th Ultras, Aqua Velvets* and *The Human Torches*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.
At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Science fiction award-winner David Brin reads from his new sci-fi novel, *Glory Season*. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. 6-8 pm. Info: (510) 845-7757.
Massage Table to the Bedroom: Wkshop with John Sabel, presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. 7:30-10 pm, $15. Info: 864-3767.
Toshi Reagon: singer/songwriter in concert at IMA Cultural Center Studio/Retreat: 8 pm, $12. For info/res: (707) 876-3004.
At Mama Bears: Nancy Vogl in concert! Night of songs of love & politics. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
Savage Jazz Dance Co at Laney College, see 5/27.
Gay Faces '93: Philippines, Peru, Korea, Malayasia, Germany, Guam, Mexico, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, United Kingdom, USA, USSR, India, Israel, Egypt, Canada, Brazil... and more. 8 pm, $15. Proceeds benefit the West Bay AIDS Education Program. Quality Hotel at Cathedral Hill International Ballroom, Geary & Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: Andy 543-0722.
"One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," the gay sons of The Honeymooners return to Josie's Cabaret, see 5/20.
Asian American Jazz Fest—See 5/27.
Dance Vibrations: Night of original New Dance works—See 5/22.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Doug Holsclaw, Scott Silverman & Hank Donat. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Cannabis Action Network (CAN) Memorial Day Concert at The Bridge: Music provided by *Groove Shop* (jazz, funk, hip hop), *Aztlan Nation* (hip hop), Panjea (world beat, tribal rhythms), *Separate Ways* (alternative rock). Event is a "tribute to all current & former prisoners of war on cannabis," proceeds benefit CAN's work to raise awareness of the cannabis plant & its known benefit to society. 520 4th St, SF. For info call Mack Coyle or Debby Goldsberry (510) 486-1779 or (510) 486-8083.

MAY 30 / S U N

Sports Festival '93 spons by Team San Francisco, see 5/29 listing for details.
Windows to Life: Open House for this project which beenfits people whose lives have been changed by AIDS. The project brings together 17 highly experienced international glass artists to collaborate on an actual stained glass commision. At today's open house enjoy delicious California cuisine while viewing technical displays and slide shows in a newly remodeled warehouse. For location and other info call (510) 232-7810 or (800) 227-1780.
African Violet Society 40th Annual Show & Sale, see 5/29. Final day!
Carnaval SF Grand Parade! 11 am-2 pm, beginning at 24th & Bryant, SF. See 5/28 listing for details.
Outdoor Dance Project: Bay Area's only open-air dance festival returns to the Emeryville Marina. Event features six dance companies (Patricia Bulitt, Kate Foley Company, Meaghan Gannet, Group I, O Group & Riolama) performing at various locations around the Marina, allowing people of all ages to view dance without the restrictions of an indoor theater. Come picnic, walk & enjoy dance at its organic best. 12:30-3:30 pm, free! Raindate: 6/6. Info: (510) 547-0442.
"Black Women in Music:
100 Years of Rocking the House," a workshop with singer/songwriter & scholar Toshi Reagon. Learn about the many contributions made by Black women to American music and the music industry, from the 1900s onward. Focus on listening and learning songs from each era. 1-4 pm, $35. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.
Bi Women's Support Group meets 1-3 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info: Valerie 641-1308.
Men Pleasuring Men Wkshop with John Sabel or Matthew Simmons. Nude group oil massage. Presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. 2-5 pm, $20. Info: 864-3767.
Parsonage 12th Anniversary Party: Fun starts at 8 pm on Castro Street at 18th, SF, then moves to the Parsonage at 4 pm (555A Castro) for cake & coffee. All welcome!
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Grupo Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Misson St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Bisexual Men of Color meeting today at 6:30 pm. Oakland location. Info/details: (510) 465-9671.
Go! Boy! Go!—The ultimate go-go boy contest at The Rubber Club, the Asian AIDS Project's bar outreach program. Hot & safe contestants vie for the spot in the firmament just above Uranus and below the Belt. First place: $250. Second place: $100. Third place: $50. Plus raffle prizes, movie passes, go-go boy gear & more! Special guest: Comic Tom Ammiano. Doors open at 8 pm, contest starts at 9. 'N Touch, 1548 Polk St, SF. Info: Pablo 227-0946.
"Bake-Off: Fresh Performance by Women," night of lively performance with Knee Jerk Dance Project and Rogue Elephant band; urban tomboy funk with dancers Zeltzman & Colburn; comic dance with Carrie Field & Giulietta Octavio; new queer performance with Chloe O, Laura Polak & Miriam Kronberg; plus story of deprivation & revenge from Katia Noyes. 8 pm. New College of Calif, 766 Valencia St, SF. Info: 861-4168.
Tuck & Patti, acclaimed Windham Hill Jazz recording artists, in concert at San Mateo Performing Arts Center. 8 pm. Tix $12-$25 in adv, add $5 for payment at door. Info/res: Mind/Body Connection 853-8332.
Asian American Jazz Fest—See 5/27.
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Savage Jazz Dance Co at Laney College, see 5/27. Final performance!

MAY 31 / MON

Audubon Canyon Ranch hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: Sign-up required by 5/27. Call 861-6591 for info/res.
22nd Great Tricycle Race. "The First Landing, Moon Rocks to Madness" is the theme of this year's race, which will raise funds for the AIDS Emergency Fund. Route: Starting at Civic Center, bike thru the Polk/Tenderloin, down Market, thru the Castro/Silver strip, winding up at a fun-filled rally at the Octavia/Hayes Space Station. 10 am judging for costume/tricycle decorations (includes local celebrities and surprise guests). 11 am race. Info/race applications: Michael Bowman 255-9865 or Danny Wong 626-4726.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Amy Boyd. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) regulation theatresports competition: 8 pm at New Conservatory Theater, 25 Van Ness Ave nr Market, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-8972.

JUN 1 / T U E

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
Sensational Sex Wkshop with Sammy Scott. Presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. 7:30-10 pm, $15. Info: 864-3767.
At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Carl Jensen discusses his book, *Censored! The News That Didn't Make The News—And Why*. Jensen is introduced by the illustrator of *Censored!*, pithy political cartoonist Tom Tomorrow. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
"Celebration of Life," 7th Annual Comedy Night Benefit for Suicide Prevention & Community Counseling Services of Marin. Hosted by comedian Michael Pritchard, show includes comics Johnny Steele, Jose Simon, Ken Sonkin and Renee Hicks. 6:30 pm hors d'oeuvres buffet, 8 pm show. Held at the Marin Assoc of Realtors, 4020 Civic Center Dr, San Rafael. Tix $50 for bar & buffet (limited to 200 people), $25 for show & no-host bar. Info/res: 499-1193.
Dance Vibrations: Night of New Dance works—See 5/22 listing for details. Final performance!

JUN 2 / W E D

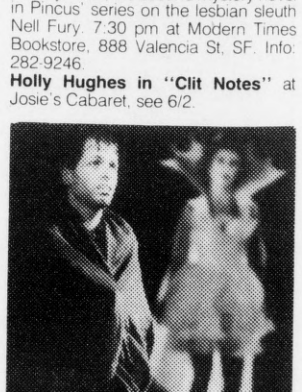
National Trails Day: Today's the deadline to join Gay/Lesbian Sierrans as they do some trail construction in Marin—see 6/5.
At Mama Bears: Ritual Abuse Healing & Believing Wkshop with Mairi McFall. Workshop explains what ritual abuse is, why healing from it is different from other forms of child abuse, how to deal with self-doubt, memories of ritual abuse & how multiple personality can make healing different. 7 pm, $5. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Bi Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info: Valerie 641-1308.
SFJCC Health Lecture: "Why Do I Overeat When I Want to Be Thin?" a talk by Linda L Prout, MS. Learn how to use food, breath and other techniques to retrain physical & emotional patterns around eating. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes": Renowned lesbian performance artist Hughes, one of the notorious NEA 4 and one of Jesse Helms' least favorite performers, returns to Josie's with step two of her 10-step plan to advance lesbianism globally thru song, dance & monologue. In this one-woman show she draws on her experiences as a small town bowling champion, Jesus freak, Red Lobster waitress & femme lesbian. 8 pm, $10. Show plays Wed-Sun thru 6/13 at 8 pm. Tix: $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Faster Pussycat! Hip hop sounds with *The Odd Couple*, featuring Angel and hot girl rappers! 9 pm. Guest DJ Chris C. Info: 561-9771.

JUN 3 / T H U

Judaism/Buddhism Lecture at SFJCC: "Sacred Mountains in Judaism & Buddhism," a discussion of their significance by Ed Birnbaum, PhD, mountaineer, photographer, scholar of comparative religions and author of *Sacred Mountains of the World*. 7:30 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040 ext 3046.
Bookparty for Elizabeth Pincus' *The Solitary Twist*, the second mystery novel in Pincus' series on the lesbian sleuth Nell Fury. 7:30 pm at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/2.



"Caligula," at Theatre Artaud starting June 3. See OnStage. Photo by Nick Lammers

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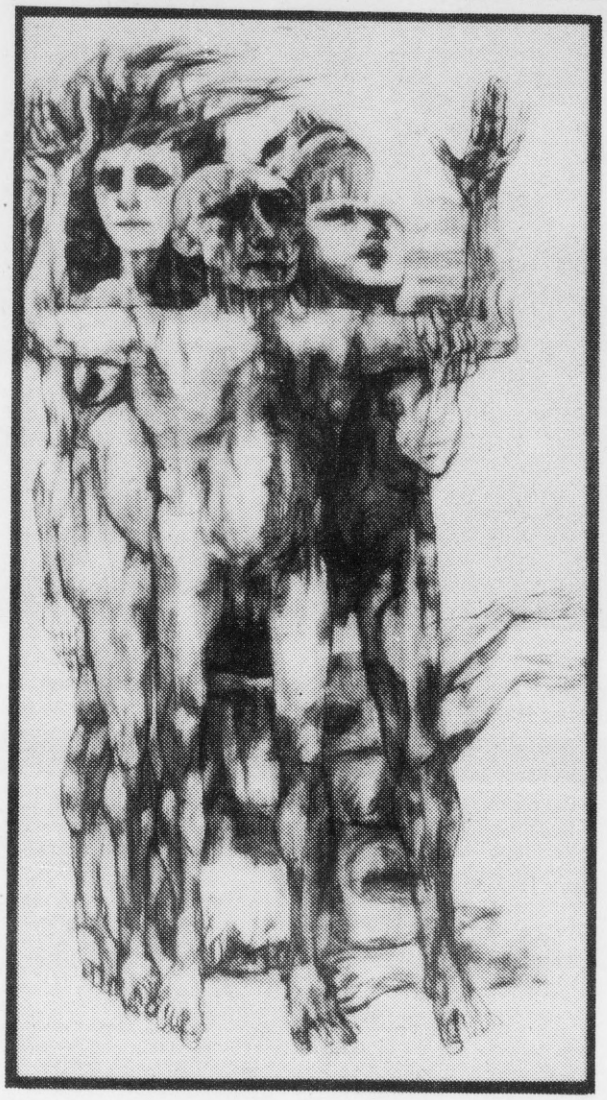

"The Prophetic Quest," an exhibit of works by Jacob Landau, at Judah L. Magnes Museum. Galleries has info.

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On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass." exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Art Nouveau Dress." exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, thru 6/6. "Clifford Still: The Buffalo & SF Collections." touring exhibit, thru 6/13. Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, thru 7/25. "Thresholds & Enclosures: TV as Sculpture," featuring the work of 6 American artists; thru 7/11. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; 6/6-9/19, opening reception 6/6 at 2 pm. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; 6/6-9/19, opening reception 6/6 at 2 pm. "Designs in Wood" by Albert Rosenblatt; 6/6-29, opening reception 6/6 at 2 pm. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Mexican Museum: "Visiones del Pueblo: The Folk Art of Latin America," over 250 folk art objects from 17 Latin American countries, on exhibit thru 7/25. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free. first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 441-0404.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "CJ Laughlin: Visionary Photographer," thru 6/13. "Brancusi Photographs," thru 6/13. Ansel Adams Portfolio IV," 5/28-9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," 6/23-8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: Group exhibit—sculpture by Todd Campbell, paintings by Victor Antonetti & Bob Bruman. Exhibit runs thru July. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St. SF. Info: 621-4923.

Architects & Heroes: Silkscreens by Mark Oberlin on exhibit 6/4-7/25. Opening reception 6/4, 7-9 pm 2239 Fillmore St, SF.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), 6/1-9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Capp Street Project: "Utopia in the Teen Age," an inter-media installation exploring the concept & experience of adolescence as a preparation in the cultural & political life of the United States. Organized by AWOL (Artists & Writers Out Loud), this exhibit is a collaborative project resulting from workshops held with students at SF's MacAteer High School. Exhibit runs thru 6/26. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 626-7747.

Cultures et Matieres Gallery: "The Creators Crossroads," exhibit of work by over 30 local artists in various media; thru 6/10. 139 Townsend St; Ste 105, SF. Info: 777-1669.

Eclectica Gallery of Contemporary Crafts: "Fimo: The New Clay," exhibit of the polymer clay jewelry of Sarah Nelson Shriver. Thru 6/11. 1795 Market St, across from Octavia, SF. Info: 626-6255.

Clay Studio: "On Bended Knee," recent sculpture by Leigh Barbier, thru 5/30. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Wed, Fri & Sat & by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

E'Space Gallery: "What's Up on the Hill?" exhibit of painting, collage & driftwood sculpture by Bernard Resve. Exhibit runs thru 6/18. 520 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 10 am-10 pm. Info: 861-4657.

Gallery on the Rim: Works by Chang Ming Meng, recent paintings on exhibit thru May. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Vorpal Gallery: Sculpture by Thai Bui, Gregory Solomon Falk, Ken Kalman & Ken Matsumoto on exhibit thru 5/22. Paintings & drawings by David Palmer on exhibit thru 7/3. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

Richmond Art Center: "TV Times: The World thru the Box," work by several artists, urging the viewers to question the role of television in their lives. Exhibit runs thru 7/11. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: "A Public Hang'in," emerging artists of various levels hang their finished work. On exhibit thru 6/12. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

John Horn & Mark Arnold: Recent paintings on exhibit at ATA Gallery thru May. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

"Clay Forms," by Matthew Zachary and **"Photographic Studies"** by Gerry Traucht, on exhibit at Christensen Heller Gallery, 5831 College Ave, Oakland, thru 7/3.

Photos by Panda Gish on exhibit at The Crepery Cafe, 86 Carl St, near the N Judah tunnel entrance in Cole Valley, SF. Thru 6/14

"Extraordinary Visions," exhibit of contemporary stained glass by Evan Bishop, Jackson Hall, Jennifer King, Alex Lowry & Ken Scott. Thru 5/30 at Live Art Studios Gallery, 151 Potrero Ave at 15th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sun, noon-6 pm or by appt.

New Paintings by David Abbot, on exhibit at Sweet Inspiration thru 6/30. 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 621-8664.

Art Attack Gallery: "Angelology," exhibit of artistic interpretations of angels by various artists at Art Attack Gallery, 323 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505. Thru 6/11.

"Fame, Fortune & Sweet Liberty: A Departure into the Unknown," historical exhibit dramatizing the European emigration experience. Multimedia exhibit runs thru 6/12 at the World Trade Center, the Ferry Building, SF. Hrs: 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri; 11 am-5 pm on Sat. Tix: $5 gen'l, $3 srs & stdnts, $2 kids under 12. Info: 834-0405.

Works by Joni Eisen: Batik, painting, monoprint & watercolor works on exhibit at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut & 18th, Potrero Hill, SF. Info: 641-1440.

"New Visions," recent works by Heidi Joulios on exhibit thru 5/30. State of the Art Multicultural Gallery, 524 Hayes St, SF. Info: 255-0414.

"Land Marks," solo exhibit of works by Robin Tichane; on exhibit thru 6/30 at Commonwealth Club of California, 595 Market St at 2nd, SF.

Paintings & drawings by John LeFlore at Double Rainbow, thru 6/1. Watercolors, acrylic, pen brush ink and pastel. Thru 6/1. Info: 775-320. 1653 Polk St, SF.

Group Show with John LeFlore and other artists: Paintings & drawings at Cafe Picaro, 3120 16th St, SF. Thru 6/5. Info: 431-4089.

Mixed Medium Works by artists with AIDS. Show spons by EACH (Early Advocacy & Care of HIV) Program and Continuum HIV Day Services. Abstracts, collages, icons, nudes, scenery and still lifes on wood, acrylics, oils, watercolors, tapestry, ceramic & mixed media. Thru August. 944 Market St, Ste, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210.

"Metal," exhibit of works by Genevieve Barnhart, Renee Frances Brown, Ron Megorden & Jeff Thomas. 5/29-7/11. Opening reception 5/29, 2-4 pm. Quicksilver Mine Co, 14028 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

"Our Time Has Come," photo exhibit on the homosexual equal rights movement, by Wilton Woods. Exhibit runs thru 6/15 at Abattoir Gallery, 1121 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 426-1418. Opening reception 5/28, 7-10 pm.

"Laura's Closet," paintings by Eduardo Paulo, on exhibit thru 5/31. Artist's reception 5/22, 3-5 pm. Tay Viet, 2034 Chestnut St, SF. 567-8124.

3rd Annual Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Latino/a Art Exhibition 1993: Exhibit features works by leading Latino/a lesbian, gay & bisexual artists throughout California. Exhibit kick-off by the SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay & Bisexual Pride Salsa Ball, 5/21, 8-4 pm at Cesar's Latin Palace, 3140 Mission St, SF. Live all-night entertainment! Free salsa class given the first hour. Museum exhibit runs thru 6/30. Tix for the ball are $8 at door, $6 in adv. Info/res: 821-1155.

Morphos Gallery: Paintings, photography, bronze & kinetic sculpture by Frank Garvey, on exhibit 5/28-6/23. Artist's discussion & video screening 6/22, 8-10 pm. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

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Why We Have a Body by Claire Chafee. Contemporary comedy, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships. Play follows Lili, a private investigator, who is having an affair with a married woman. Magic Theatre production. Runs thru 5/23, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Falsettos by William Finn & James Lapine. Award-winning musical, a funny & touching story of love, relationships and a different kind of family. Play runs at Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF, Thru 5/23. Info/res: 776-1999.

Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean by Ed Graczyk. The "Disciples of James Dean" of McCarthy, Texas hold their 20th anniversary reunion party. During the course of the evening, illusions & false fronts are slowly stripped away, revealing amusing, painful & shocking realities. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm thru 5/30. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

Top Girls by Caryl Churchill. Play explores the position of women in a changing society, taking a hard look at the struggle of women in a male-dominated world. Gem Art production. Runs thru 5/30. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Tix $12 Thurs, Fri & Sun, $15 Sat. Info/res: 621-4423.

Drifting Fires by Janine Beichman. A modern Noh original written by an American playwright, the performance piece tells the story of an otherworldy encounter with the ghost of the last woman on earth, still wandering among the flames of a world she loves too much to leave. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm thru 5/29. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Tix $8-12. Info/res: 621-7978.

Private Lives. Noel Coward's wickedly witty comedy of bad manners, concludes Berkeley Rep's 25th anniversary season. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 6/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 5/29, 6/12 & 26; Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 5/20, 6/3 & 17. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley. Tix $19-31. For tix & other info call (510) 845-4700.

Laughing Wild by Christopher Durang. Provocative, brilliantly inventive & funny story of the perils of modern life in urban America. Hilarious look at the rigidity of the Catholic Church, nuclear waste, rude taxi drivers, homosexuality, AIDS, affirmations & more. Caryn Horwitz production. Runs thru 5/23, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $12. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St nr Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Watch Your Back Gary Leon Hill's jazzy urban drama, directed by David Ford. Set in NYC's Lower East Side, play is a portrait of an artist living on the edge. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 5/30. Closing night performance 5/30 at 7:30 pm. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Cho-Mu, a collaborative installation/performance piece by Reiko Goto & Joanna Haigood. Performances Tues-Sat at 2 pm, with additional 4 pm performances on Wed & Sat, thru 6/26 at Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Free. Info: 626-7747.

Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett. George Coates' production of the Beckett play features comics Will Durst and Tim Wiggins. Runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/30 at Performance Works, 110 McAllister, SF. Tix $12, $19 & $24. Info/res: 863-4130 or BASS.

La Ronde II by Eric Bentley. All-male adaptation of the Schnitzler round-robin of sexual couplings opens 5/21 at 8:30 pm at the Alcazar Loft, 650 Geary St, SF. London Pacific Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 7 & 10 pm, thru 6/26. Tix $20. Preview performances benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund, $1 of each ticket sold during the run will go the Fund. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF. On-site parking available. Tix at BASS. Info/res: 749-1790.

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry. A Southeast Asian adaptation of the American classic relocates the play from a Black neighborhood in Southside Chicago to the Asian community in SF's Tenderloin. A multicultural production with an all Southeast Asian cast, the play tells the universal story of a family's hope for a better home. Vietnamese Youth Development Center production. Play runs 5/20-29. Tix $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts, Thursdays are "pay what you can" nights. Thurs-Sat at 7:30 pm. EXITheatre, 366 Eddy St btwn Leavenworth & Jones, SF. Info/res: 673-3847.

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The Roof's On Fire by Ellen Gavin. Brava! for Women in the Arts production, directed by Ellen Sebastian. Play is set in a fire station located in an African American community, next to a restaurant run by Black lesbians. Gaen Connolly, one of the first women firefighters in the nation, is forced to choose between her alliances, torn between her professional responsibilities toward the men she works & lives with and her gut response to the community of color that surrounds them. Play runs Wed-Sun thru 5/30 at 8:30 pm, Sun at 8 pm. Tix $10-15. Teatro Mision, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 695-6970.

Madine Ish's Snapshots from the Asylum, a multi-personality solo extravaganza of comic insanity by stand-up comic Madine Ish. Ish presents seven parts of a personality fragmented by sexual abuse as she deals with issues of insanity & incest with humor and poignancy. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 5/30 at 8:30 pm. Tix $7-10 SL donation on Thurs, $8 Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. $10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235. 1062 Valencia St, SF.

Zing Zang by Lynn Snyder. A comedy drama about Sam, a hardworking small-town Ohio shoe store owner with a firm moral code which is about to be severely compromised. A Perform production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 5/30. Tix $10. Perform, 28 Paul Drive, San Rafael. Info/res: 492-9752.

Coconut by Adele Prandini. Musical fable. Passions ignite in the heat of a tropical sun as long-lost lovers, land developers, environmentalists, tourists and a native shaman vie for the future of paradise. Music by Bob Davis & Jeanine Strobel, lyrics by Bob Davis, Adele Prandini & Jeanine Strobel. Theatre Rhino production. Previews 6/3 & 4 at 8 pm; runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, 6/5-26; 3 pm matinee on 6/13. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 861-5079 or the Theatre Rhino Box Office at 2926 16th St, SF.

Caligula by Albert Camus. Camus' rarely produced masterwork is based on the infamous brutal Roman emperor of the same name. The playwright uses Caigula to perform an intense study of the absurdity of existence. Play runs 6/3-13 at 7 pm. Tix $12.50-14.50, available at BASS or call 621-7797. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida Ave, SF. American Theatre Ventures production, in association with Cal State Hayward.

The Music Man: The Mountain Play Association presents their 80th Mountain Play at Mt Tamalpais Mountain Theatre, creating their own life-like version of 1912 River City Iowa, life-like in detail and size. Play runs 5/23 & 30, 6/6, 13, 20 & 27 at 1 pm; 6/19 show is a benefit for Calif State Parks. May performances are signed for the hearing impaired and described for the visually impaired. Adv tix $16 gen'l, $11 over 64 & under 18. Tix at gate are $2 addt'l. Info/res: 383-1100.

Plays at the Albion: See Ed Bullins' **A Son, Come Home** and **Salaam, Huey Newton, Salaam** and Jonal Woodward's **A Smokey Affair** and **The Burial of Prejudice**. 5/24 at 9 pm. 3139 16th St, SF. Info/res: (415) 822-7898 or (510) 843-7519.

The Crackwalker by Judith Thompson. Chilling contemporary drama centers on four people clinging to the edge of an urban social order where love & tenderness struggle to coexist with the accepted norms of brutality & violence. Y Theater production. Play previews 6/3, $7; opens 6/4, $10; runs Thurs-Sat, $7-10. All shows at 8 pm except Sun "pay as you can" matinees at 2 pm. The Y Theater, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info/res: 885-0460.

"One of These Days II, the Lost Episode," May 19-30 at Josie's Cabaret. (L-r): Joseph Leonardi, Jeff Thompson, Robert Coffman, Sabrina Matthews, Pamela Forrest. Photo by Jill Posener

The Dick & the Devil by Gary Aylesworth. Solo play, a provocative new work about a serial killer investigation. Construction Crew Theater Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, 6/4-26. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 641-4454.

The Moon by Henry Steele. Part two of the "Herodiadne" trilogy. Three-person play focuses on what happens when Ariadne, weary of her lamentable plight, wills herself into another mythological dimension—Judeo-Christian—and "becomes" Herodias, mother-to-be of Salome—almost (hence her new name, Herodiadne). The Marsh production. Play opens 6/3, runs Thurs-Sun thru June at 8 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

New World a world premiere by Dan Weber. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 6/3-26. Asian American Theatre Center, 403 Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 751-2600.

Our Lady of the Tortilla by Luis Santeiro. Play tells the humorous story of a Latino college student who brings his Anglo girlfriend home to meet the family. His attempts to disguise their Latin ways are thwarted by his visionary aunt Dolores when she spots the Virgin Mary in a tortilla and becomes an instant celebrity. TheatreWorks production. Previews 5/21 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun 5/23 and 5/30 at 7 pm, Sun 6/6 at 2 pm; 5/22-6/19. TheatreWorks, Cubberly Stage II Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tix $12. Info/res: 329-2623.

Skirts, all-female sketch comedy team, plays every Fri night thru 6/25 at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. 10:30 pm, $7. Info/res: 641-0235.

Hurricane by Anne Galjour. A full-length dark comedy centered around the lives of several people in a small Cajun community, just north of the Gulf of Mexico. A multi-character play in which all six characters are played by Galjour. Climate Theatre production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 5/20-6/27 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Each night's performance is followed by a red beans & rice feast prepared for the audience by Ms Galjour. Tix $12-14. Info/res: 626-9196.

Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman in America, a one-woman show created & performed by Ronnie Gilbert, with songs by Si Kahn, about the legendary labor organizer and workers' rights crusader of the late 1800s to early 1900s. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Show runs thru 5/30 at Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 204-8901.

So... You Wanna Be a Stripper? The Trials & Tribulations of Lap Dancing Written & directed by Linda Serbu. Interwoven with live strip teases and a girl-girl sex act, the play reveals backstage drama, lesbianism, drugs, boyfriend problems, tips on successful stripping, peer disapproval, unsupportive management, customer attachment & prostitution. Cast members are SF sex workers and local actresses. 1800 Square Feet production. Play runs Fri at 9 & 11 pm, Sat at 9 pm, thru 6/5 at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF, btwn 8th & 9th, Howard & Folsom. Tix $7-10 SL fee. Info/res: 255-8510.

Beat conceived & directed by Anthony St Martin. Beat celebrates SF's Beat Generation thru the prose & poetry of the era's most prolific & innovative writers—Gregory Corso, Diane diPrima, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Michael McClure, Gary Snyder and Bob Kaufman; accompanied by the moody jazz of such luminaries as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk & Anita O'Day. North Beach Rep Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8pm, thru 6/27 at North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF. Tix $12-15. Stdnt & sr discounts available. Info/res: 928-4860.

Evita. Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice's award-winning musical hit, the story of the colorful, passionate & compelling Eva Peron, a woman who rose from poverty to become Argentina's First Lady and one of the richest, most powerful women in the world; plays the Golden Gate Theatre, thru 5/23. 1 Taylor St at Market & Golden Gate, SF. For tix, showtimes & other info call 776-1999 or BASS.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers. Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives. Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860.

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181.

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446, or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals, case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services, 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin. Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave; Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV+ Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF, 2nd floor, 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm, 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought. AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

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Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" x 5" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay/Lesbian Veterans -of the Vietnam/Gulf War Eras: The Nation magazine seeks accounts of your experiences working/living alongside straights and/or other gays in the military, for a special edition to be devoted to gays & lesbians in America, one section of which will feature essays from those who have served/are serving in the armed forces. Send short accounts (1200 words max, 2-3 typed pages) describing what the atmosphere is like for gays/lesbians in combat, on routine duty or in the barracks. If sexual activity was an option for you while in the service, feel free to write about it. Send entries SASE to Mark Marton, The Nation, PO Box 423475, SF 94142. For details call Mark 621-4274.

Restless Pens: A Gay & Lesbian Playwrights Festival, spons by Golden Gate Performing Arts, The New Conservatory Theatre Center & Theatre of Arts Original, seek full-length plays for possible production & scenes. Send one-acts and works-in-progress for possible staged reading. Subject matter is open, but all playwrights must be openly gay or lesbian. For details send copyrighted script with $15 to Golden Gate Performing Art, Restless Pens, PO Box 421491, SF 94142-1491. Deadline: 5/31.

Bedside Companions: Essex Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) seeks submissions to *Bedside Companions*, his forthcoming anthology of short fiction by Black gay men. The anthology "aims to chart territory beyond the coming-out stories and the political treatises on racism... to more closely examine home, friendship, family—immediate and extended—lovers, 'brothers,' and the impact life's joys & sorrows have on these relationships." Guidelines: Send each piece of short fiction (10-20 pgs) in duplicate with SASE. No poems, essays, entire novels, plays or play excerpts. No simultaneous submissions. No gratuitous sex, violence, misogyny or sexism. Black gay artists interested in submitting art work for the anthology's cover & illustrations are encouraged to send up to 6 slides, clearly numbered & identified, with SASE. Cover slides may be b&w and color, inside slides are b&w only. Send original, unpublished submissions with SASE to: Essex Hemphill, Anthology 1993, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455. Deadline: 6/1.

SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

I Never Said Goodbye to Nat: Submissions of poetry, letters, prose, etc., written to or for those who have died of AIDS, or are HIV-positive; for a book to be published called *I Never Said Goodbye to Nat*. Profits will benefit AIDS organizations. For more info or to send submissions (SASE): Mary R Sanders, The Nat Foundation, PO Box 308, Briarcliff NY 10510.

Dominature: Artists Television Access (ATA) seeks short (25 min or less) film & video works exploring the human relation to nature, particularly illustrating themes of domination, consumption and exploitation; or offering alternative perceptions of this relationship. Submit work on ½" VHS or slides to: Dominature, Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF, 94110. Enclose SASE for return. Info: John Bird or Elizabeth Meyer 824-3890. Deadline: 6/1.

Female Artists & Craftswomen are welcome to participate in the 1993 "Celebration of Craftswomen," the largest juried women's crafts fair in the United States, spons by the SF Women's Building and taking place at Ft Mason Center, SF, in December. Application deadline: 6/12. For more info call the Celebration hotline 361-0700 or send SASE to Celebration of Craftswomen, SF Women's Centers, 3543 18th St #8, SF 94110.

We're Not Who You Think We Are: Submissions sought for an anthology on "the silent majority of gays, lesbians & bisexuals." Narratives may include the obvious (Native Americans, hearing impaired, etc) or not-so-obvious (closeted priest or politician, biracial couple suffering discrimination from other gays, lesbian who opposes abortion). The goal of the anthology is to show how varied our community is. Strong opinions encouraged. For more info contact Stephen Kyle, PO Box 2745, Quincy, MA 02269. Manuscripts are to be typed, double-spaced. Length: up to 6000 words. Send SASE. Deadline: 6/93.

MIX: 7th Annual New York Lesbian & Gay Experimental Film/Video Festival (9/9-19) calls for submissions. Mix will consist of nine shows curated by guest curators including programs addressing African diaspora, South Asian, Brazilian and Chinese lesbian/gay/bisexualities, lesbian/bi punk, pornography, queer/anti-queer propaganda, dance/movement, and the body on pins and needles. Submission of films from every imaginable genre is encouraged and welcome. For entry forms send SASE to Mix, 503 Broadway, Ste 503; NY NY 10012 or call (212) 925-5883 for info. Deadline: 6/8.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Women's Night at the Elephant Walk: Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model.

Samantha Samuels appears in the party/cabaret show, "The Divas Remember Trinity Place," on May 25. Cal has info.

Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

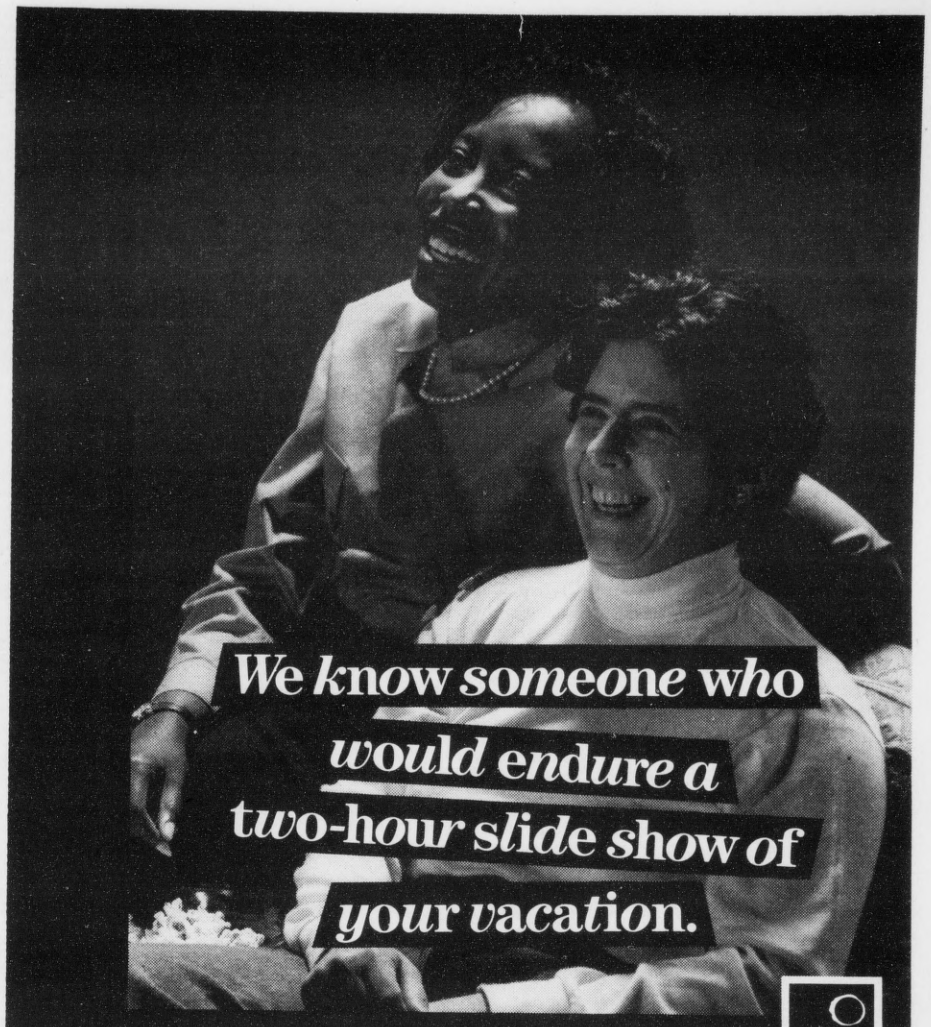
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for ex-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ploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info to write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For

Knee Jerk Dance Project presents "Bake-Off: Oven-Fresh Performance by Women," at New College on May 30. Calendar has details. Photo by Adriane Colburn

details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Chamber Musicians meet in SF apt Sun afternoons to play sring, woodwind, piano combinations. Advanced ability & sightreading preferred. Info: David 931-5839.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. Group meets 1st & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Losing Eyesight: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot/Palo meets monthly in our homes. Group welcomes all ages, singles & couples, multiracial, open to all diversity. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Melting Pot/Mountain View meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Joe 961-1296.

Melting Pot/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month. SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration. 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month, 10:30 am-12:30 pm in SF. Group's purpose is to support & encourage those on individual spiritual paths. Call 864-4209 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Call (415) 469-0606 for info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ. Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

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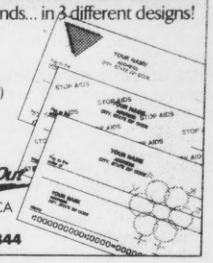

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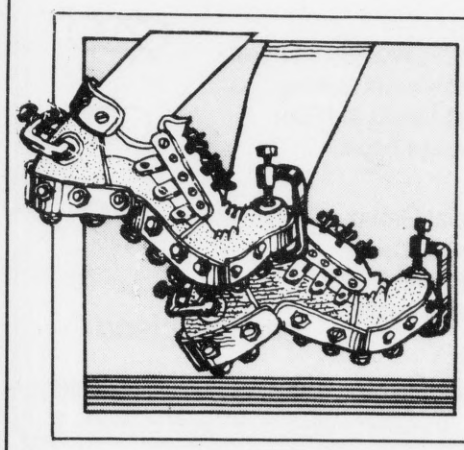

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MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Wed eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Faith Fellowship: Sun services 6 pm, bible study Wed at 6:30 pm. All welcome! 22577 Bay View Ave, Hayward. Info: (510) 537-2992.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive More Light Presbyterian community. Worship service: 10 am Sun; Cantate, a joyous service of chanting, meditation & prayer, 2nd Sun of each month at 7 pm. Women's spirituality gathering, an exploration of sexuality, spirituality & justice, 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm. All lifestyles are welcome! 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for Professed Religious who would like to socialize and exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109. SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts. Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

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Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

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► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

The 7th Annual Int'l Gay & Lesbian Bodybuilding Championships will take place on May 29 at Lowell High School. See Calendar date for info. Photo by Steve Savage

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Gay Men's Support Group: Self-led group meets Tues eves in SF to deal with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment are welcome to join! Info: Greg or Rocky 626-1197; Rodney 861-7911.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group. Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

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circle of friends you can draw support from. For info call Pam 641-0461.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
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Support Group for Battered Lesbians: spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.
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Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.
Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.
The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.
MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!
Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF, Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.
Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF, 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.
Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.
Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.
Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.
Walnut Creek Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth under age 21 meets Sun at 1 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Also referrals, social events for youth and sensitivity training for schools, youth service providers & religious communities. Info: (510) 530-8529.

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To the Last Legal Moment

Why is it that whenever I go to a party at someone's home, I always arrive at the same time as the cops? It happened last Friday. Since this party was the combined effort of the super-cute, super-popular occupants of two full-sized flats conveniently located in one building in the lovely Castro district, police visitation was inevitable. But I was fearless, marching right on up the stairs past the cops, braying, "Where's the cups and ice in this place? They better goddamn have ice," as if I wasn't carrying an illegal substance on my person or had a care in the world about the goddamned police officers trotting their flabby asses up the front steps.

Why should I? After all, one of the flatmates and hosts for the evening was Gerard Koskovich, who knows everything about the law and the cops—and they know he does down at 850 Bryant. They also know all about his dear friend and likely attendee—activist/superstar/every-Bad-Cop's-worst-fear—Peggy Sue, who was there, charming as usual and, if necessary, ready to serve as the heavy artillery. Other flatmates included the ever-resourceful Miss Betty Pearl, a threat of her own kind (she actually found the glory holes in the Pentagon as faithfully reported in *Betty and Pansy's Severe Queer Review of Washington, D.C.*), activist/ fashion plate/casual drug user/slut Bot Smith, and a few other guys who've likely been arrested for demonstrating at one time or another, and definitely kept their rooms at home neat and orderly and accommodating to the party guests. The police paid "The House That Dare Not Speak Its Name" four separate visits that night, reportedly challenging Gerard to arm wrestle one of those times.

It was the best house party I've been to in years. When I first arrived, the place was just a touch crowded, overflowing even, and difficult to make one's way through. It brought to mind a kegger party I went to once as a teen that drew such a crowd the dining room sank about six inches, requiring later explanation to the out-of-town parents.

Bomb: Exploding convention. Photo by Margarita

Well, before any structural damage occurred, the crowd size adjusted to a comfortable level, and I began to realize why this party was so satisfying. The party crowd assembled included many friends that I run into usually only in loud, throbbing nightclubs too distracting to properly converse in. This lower-volume house-party atmosphere afforded guests the ability to reach more satisfying levels of complete communication, moving many toward reaching their full Dorothy Parker-like witty, clever, mannered and charged potential. In general, conversation was at its vivid best. There were so many people to talk to, including Michelangelo Signorile, former editor of the now-defunct *Outweek* magazine, who will be back in town in June to promote his first book, *Queer in America.* As always it was a joy chatting with him about ridiculous media shit. He's adorable.

It was one of those parties characterized by the statement, "Everyone was there," because everywhere you turned you'd see this or that drag queen personality out of drag, two widely read art critics chatting, bald guys who run nightclubs, musicians, journalists, super-skinny artists who are trash, various drug dealers (one who arrived very late in the evening and unloaded some ecstasy that could have been baby powder for all the reported ineffectiveness the purchasers expressed—you know who you are, punk), writers, filmmakers, covergirls, photographers, Popstitutes, guys you want to fuck, etc. The police pretty much ended the party around 4:30 am with a threat of a large fine.

CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT WORSHIP POP ICONS

Speaking of Popstitutes: at the party I was speaking with Tyler-Bob Popstitute about his remarkable murals that cover the walls in the basement of the club Product. They are large, black-lit, fluorescent depictions of cultural icons geared toward and worshipped by children through the ages. One behind the bar is an eerie take on *The Wizard of Oz*—a subject dripping with associations, especially placed in a gay nightclub in San Francisco frequented by drag queens, drug users and children... children of the night. Tyler's rendering is slightly Keane-esque (those eyes), the four characters appearing subtly evil and scary—Stephen King-like evil—but cute. The brightly colored center of the piece melts outward into industrial, dark-alien-spaceship-type imagery.

To gaze upon the mural is a pop cultural purge—like a psychic must feel upon entering a haunted house replete with spirits. The next wall is a special forest of *My Little Pony* characters, stirring a similar feeling. Is it just the fact that I know what *My Little Pony* is that it scares me? I won't even go into an in-depth description of the troll mural or the H.R. Puffin' Stuff mural, but Tyler is a genius.

Back to the party: I was pleased to see that their magazine rack in the bathroom included a copy of *Tantrum*, (Spring '93), the 'zine produced by Remix Von Popstitute and Tyler-Bob Popstitute. Buy a copy at A Different Light, because the cover has a pencil or charcoal drawing by Tyler in which he pays tribute to the style of Tom of Finland in his own special way, calling it Tom of

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Clownland. It's absolutely incredible: from the splattering cream pie to the helium balloons as nipple stimulators, this image has got to be seen.

Tantrum is a great magazine: neat, well organized and packed with interesting writing and collages and stuff. This issue has a piece by Danielle Willis, a fantastic interview with the fabulous Bambi Lake, "The Proud and Masculine Porn Model" by Alvin Eros, and loads more cool stuff. It has some truly hilarious and bitchy moments and a great piece called "Truthstar the Unicorn on Bungee Jumping," which must be read to be believed. *Tantrum* is really supercool.

THE QUAKE: BOMB

The very next night I went to the Quake to see my local favorite supercool band, Bomb, on the auspicious occasion of singer/bassist Michael Dean's birthday. I saw him earlier that day flyering for the show in Lower Haight, and he asked, "What are you bringing me for my birthday tonight?" I said, "Well, Michael, what do you really want?" He thought for a moment and said, "You know, just me in a dress," a cute pun based on a lyric from a Bomb song that reads, "The girl that I miss is just me in a dress." Then he reconsidered and suggested, "I want girls-giving-blowjobs pornography. No, I want lots of cum shots. Maybe a transvestite porno thing, but just one of those."

I would have brought his gift that night, but the glue hadn't dried. This was my first time in this Haight Street venue since it stopped being the I-Beam and became the Quake. The four-band bill was reasonably priced at $3, and the staff was generally polite and amiable at the door. It drew a decent but not large crowd of mostly pleasant folks.

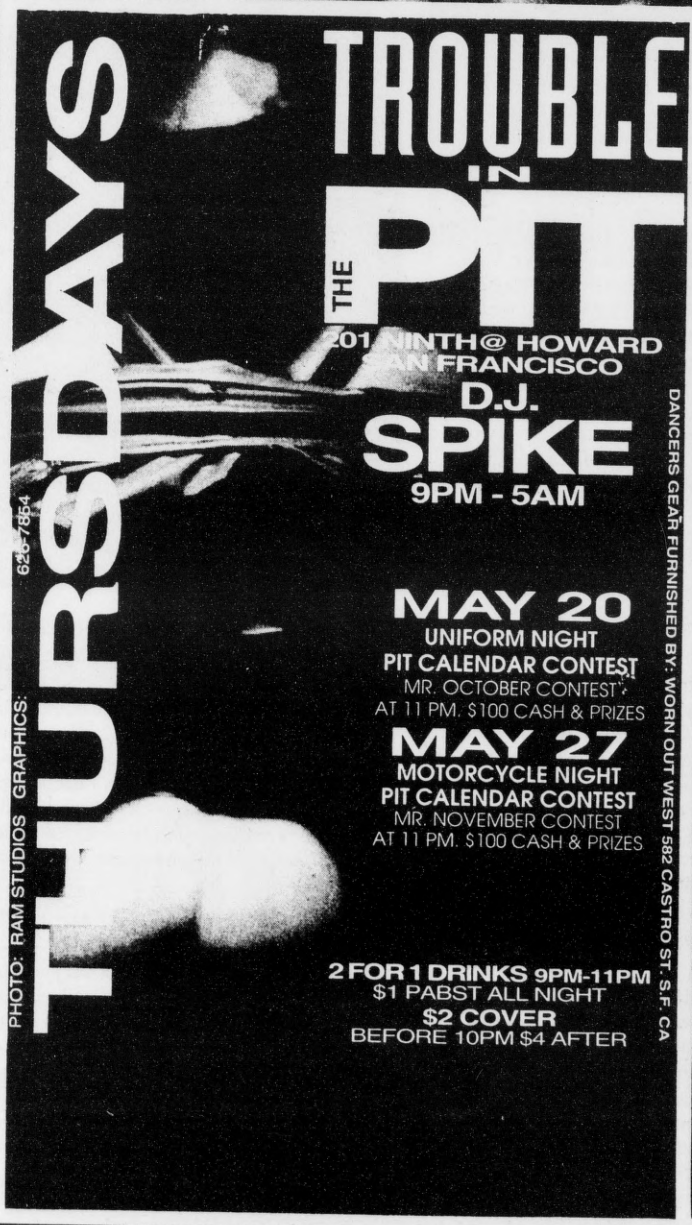
I got there in time to see Ovarian Trolley, a local band who have come highly recommended that I've been trying to see for a while. After their set, I can fully see why. They are a fresh trio— two girls (sisters incidentally) and a guitar player named Buck. On top of whaling on his instrument with firm proficiency, Buck played most of the set in his underwear, which I'm partial to, just like I'm partial to three-piece rock bands like this.

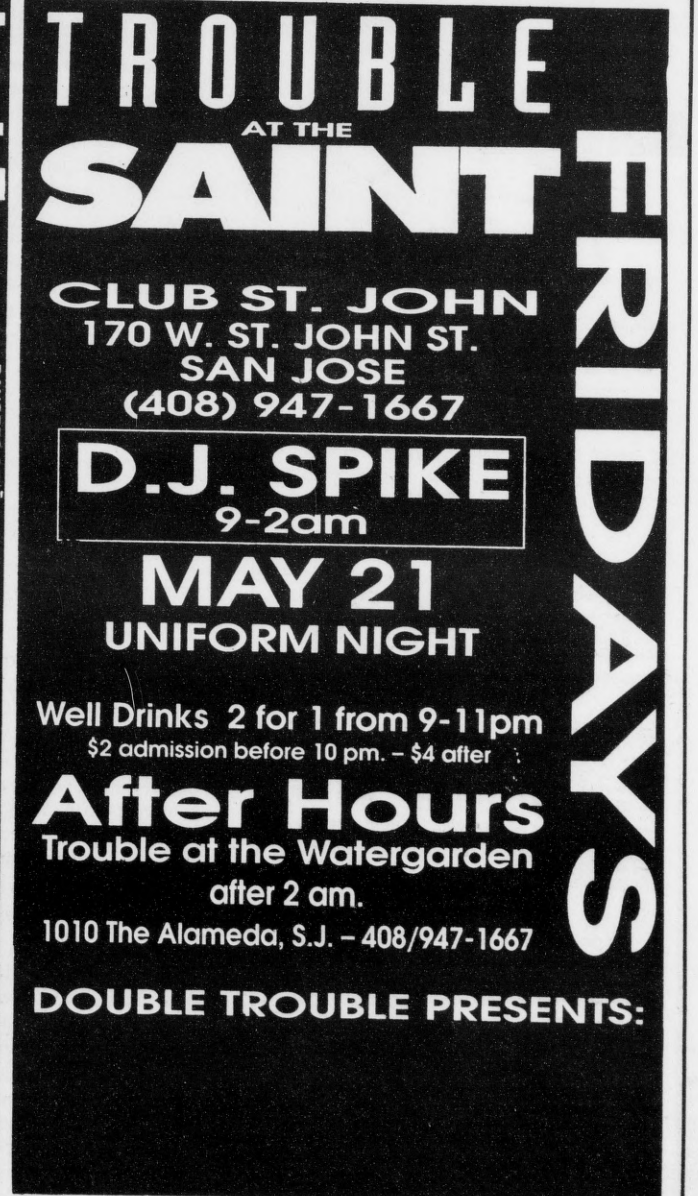
The drummer is a blond beauty who moves so smoothly and gracefully behind the drum kit, you almost can't figure out where all the beats are coming from. She also sings, laughs wickedly and screams on a few songs, and effectively harmonizes with her sister, who plays bass and sings, too (as does Buck on one song). Their songs are instrumentally complex and ambitious, their sense of humor intact, and they're definitely hard. Nice name, too.

Bomb hit the stage with a first song that seemed like a combination of a few of their songs. I thought they were doing Leonard Cohen's "Suzanne" from their LP *Hate Fed Love,* but it seemed to change to something else, something louder and faster. On guitar, Jay led the audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to Michael, who had promptly disrobed down to shorts like always. The other guitarist, Doug, did also, removing a priest robe to reveal a one-piece lace bodysuit he had spontaneously borrowed from Ovarian Trolley's drummer. The new drummer seemed very good, and later in the audience I ran into Valerie from Spokepoker, who assured me that the new guy was a good friend, and in her opinion, one of the finest musicians she knows. Spokepoker is set to record their first full-length record soon.

Michael Dean, a born storyteller, had a real nice one for us that night, which he prefaced with "Wanna know why Bomb isn't as popular as...?" Dean said he was sitting in some town in Kansas playing his guitar, and some 16-year-old kid wearing a Walkman and looking like your average person who buys a lot of records walked by and took the headset off. The kid started listening to the song, which Michael started over for him so he could hear the whole thing. When Michael got to the line that said he waited for his girlfriend to get home while lying on the bed wearing her dress, the kid put his headset back on immediately and walked away.

And that is why Bomb isn't as popular as the other bands. And that is why I've always loved Bomb. They played all the way up till the last legal moment possible. I love them for that too. ✿





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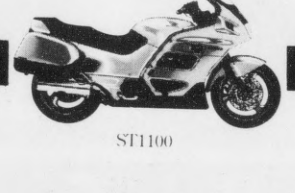
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Sex Is... Wreaking Havoc On Our Image

An Interview With Marc Huestis

by Casey Ward

Watching Marc Huestis on the set of *Sex Is...* last spring, I was impressed by the remarkable talent he showed for getting his mostly volunteer cast and crew to do his bidding. Sitting cross-legged on the floor of the soundstage—one of his directorial peculiarities—he didn't at first cut an imposing figure. By the end of the day, though, I understood what an expert schmoozer an independent filmmaker has to be in order to bring a finished product to the market. Huestis emanated sincerity and conviction, essential for getting people to speak honestly about their most private experiences in front of the camera—and, just as importantly, to donate their time and technical expertise.

The day's tightly scheduled performances included a '50s dance number; Justin Bond, in an ultra-swishy period outfit, reenacting scenes from the outrageous sexual-revolution manual, *Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex* and Wayne Corbitt bursting into real tears while reciting his tragic poems about sleaze and heartbreak (oddly, none of these sequences made it into the final version). Huestis was never at a loss for compassionate, flattering or humorous remarks to keep things moving. Or off-color comments: "I need another half inch," an assistant yelled out; "I'll give you eight inches," Huestis mumbled lecherously. Twice during the day he delighted in retelling a joke about a man with a misshapen member. The punchline: "Quick, put it in my mouth before anyone else sees it."

Never one to mince words when it comes to sex, Huestis pulls out all the stops in *Sex Is...*, which has its Bay Area premiere Friday, May 21, at the Castro Theatre. Combining interviews, archival footage and stylized sexual fantasy sequences, his documentary loudly asserts that, despite AIDS, death, heartbreak and fundamentalist crusaders, gay male lust is here to stay—in all its extravagant splendor. The trust Huestis won from his collaborators has resulted in a collection of interviews so honest and down-to-earth that it feels like an intimate conversation with friends. *Sex Is...*, intended mainly for a gay male audience, feels like *us*, the way we really are with each other, not as we would like the world to believe we are. Are we really "just like everyone else"? Do we really want to be? "Not really," you might conclude after watching it.

We certainly would not want to be as prudish as some "normal" people; the world premiere of *Sex Is...* at the Berlin International Film Festival was almost canceled when a Los Angeles company hired to create a film print from the videotape decided some scenes were "pornographic" and refused to do the work. A different company was found at the last minute, and *Sex Is...* won the Audience Award as best gay film.

(SF Bay Times) What did you have in mind when you set out to make this film?

(Marc Huestis) My decision to make the film came out of the fact that I didn't see any discussion in the media about what was going on sexually. I was seeing all this unreality-based stuff like celibacy and relationships, as if nobody was having sex anymore. Being a sexual person myself, I realized things *were* happening, and what really fueled me was Jesse Helms' thing, where people were being denied funding or talking about what was really going on. I wanted to contribute to reality-based sexual dialogue.

Also I was inspired by Boys With Arms Akimbo, who plastered the town with "sex is" posters. They were the first to represent sex as something that is happpening: "sex is" in the present, not "sex was" in the past. I felt I could take that idea and elaborate on it, show a broader spectrum of people, including older people, who are never portrayed as sexually active or sexually vital, and people like Lulu, who's been celibate for eight years— without making any value judgments on monagamy, without any value judgments on sexual exploration or on S/M. People need to make their own choices without being influenced by the propaganda that exists in the mainstream media. So basically the purpose of the film was to throw out the different options, and say, "Now you make your own choice."

Not that I want to promote unsafe sex; within the context of safe sex, it's just saying, "This is what's going on; just do what in your heart is right." Whereas in the mid-'80s we weren't told that—we were constantly pressured into relationships, and a lot of gay men don't exist within the confines of relationships. Most everybody wants to be in love, to be in this mythic relationship, but, truth be told, some people aren't, and some people don't thrive or function in that context. And I'm one of those people. I haven't had a strong relationship in a long time. Although I kind of mourn that, I realize I can't be obsessed about it or think that I'm somehow less worthy than anybody else.

Did you have any major revelations while making Sex Is...*?*

My eyes were opened to the fact that people are extremely scared about sexuality. Funding for this film has been a nightmare, and I should say that conservatives weren't the only reluctant ones. Ironically, one of the grants we got was from the NEA. There's this cultural agenda now that will deal with a lot of issues, but when it comes to sexuality, even gays and progressives are scared.

Could this be an attempt to make gay culture more acceptable to the public at large?

I think people want to do that and I can understand that, but the thing is when you make a movie like *Longtime Companion*, it's made kind of for gay people but also for straight people, us trying to show them, "Aren't we nice too; we're just like you." Which is fine, I have no problem with that. But what I wanted to do was something that wasn't intercommunity dialogue; we are dealing specifically with gay men and targeting them for a dialogue within our community. Some people will criticize it as airing dirty laundry and say this is not the image we want to be projecting to the world. What I'm saying is that sexuality has so many facets you can't talk about it on a rational level. Sometimes sex transcends politics. In the movie, for example, Wayne talks about being on his knees in front of a white South African, and how that whole power dynamic turned him on. His politics were saying one thing, and his dick was saying another. And that's a very common experience; we're told that that's somehow sick and that we shouldn't think those things, but it's a very human thing. But it's something that grant-giving organizations don't even want to touch.

Would you say gay men's understanding of love and sex is improving, or getting worse?

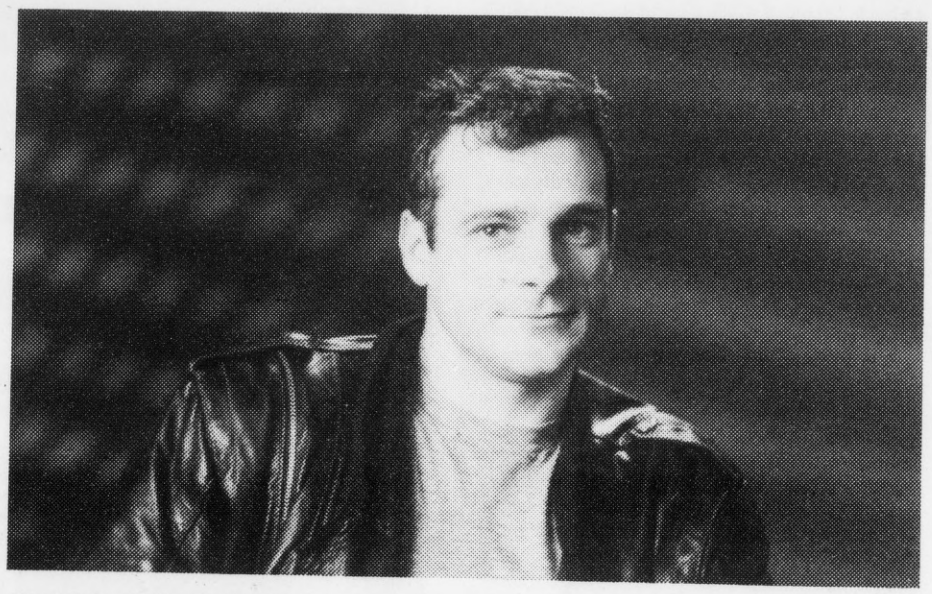
I think that right now people are pretty alienated from themselves sexually. Although I hated feeling pressured to be in a relationship in the mid-'80s, I think a lot of people were scared and what that did was force people to get to know one another. A lot of sex I had then was very personal. I'm not saying it would lead into a relationship, but there was a connection there. Now I feel that once again gay men are becoming disconnected from themselves. The options are growing, but there's also those things that are kind of disconcerting. Like when I went to the baths in the '70s; it was liberating, but it was also alienating. People treated each other like hunks of meat. I would come away feeling depressed. Times in the present when I've cruised or had sexual encounters, I've been finding that again. Of course I'm getting older, too, and that changes things.

What do you think about the resurgence of sex clubs?

I have mixed feelings about it. I'm glad that option exists; again I look to the model of the baths as what should happen at this point. The sex clubs are filthy. There's not much light in them, there is unsafe sex that happens. There's no way to police that as far as I'm concerned. People do what they do, and they have to make those choices. And I've had sexual encounters with several people in the last few months who wanted to have unsafe sex and I don't think it's for lack of education. I think there's all sorts of things that play into it: some psychological factors, death wish factors, substance abuse factors.

Do you sense a current of fatalism in the gay community?

I think that's a part of it. A lot of people having unsafe sex know they're having unsafe sex, and they know about the consequences. Even



Director Mark Huestis: Despite Jerry Falwell and AIDS, Sex Is...thriving. Photo by Daniel Nicoletta

before AIDS there has been that equation of death and desire. Tennessee Williams talked about it in *Streetcar Named Desire*. Gay men always have had that death wish. Alcoholism, suicide—those kind of things have been common before liberation, and then afterward with people who were living on the edge.

Speaking of living on the edge, you yourself are HIV-positive. Why did you decide to go public about your HIV status?

It's not as important now historically as it was when I first came out as an HIV-positive person and when other people first came out as HIV-positive because there was a real mystique around being HIV-positive. The interviews we saw on TV only showed sick people, on their deathbeds, alone, miserable. So I thought it was really important for me to show that people could continue to be creative, vital and instructive. Also, the conflict is different in Europe from how it is in America and when I was traveling in Europe with my films—the two before this were also HIV-related—it was really important for people to see a human being who was HIV-positive because in Europe people are really scared of it, and also the word "positive" has a completely different meaning. In Germany, "positive" and "full-blown AIDS" are not separated; if you're positive you're considered to have AIDS, and so it's really important to make that distinction. People who are positive in those cultures are really depressed about it. Of course I have my share of depression and anxiety, but I remember the time before I found out I was positive that it was ruling my life and I wasn't getting anything done.

How long have you known?

I tested positive in 1986 and I was probably positive long before that. I've gotten so much done since then—in a way it's kind of fueled my creativity because I feel I want to get a lot done while I'm still here. I feel lucky; I just can't believe that I'm still here to begin with because I thought I was going to be one of the first to go. The fact that I have seen so many people die and that the process of death has been completely demystified for me has made me a little less frightened. And I also think it's important for me to be out as HIV-positive because I've been on AZT for three years. I made that decision that AZT is not dangerous to my body and I just wanted to try it, and I think it was a really wise decision because my T-cells continue to be really high and I feel like it's keeping me healthy. Just the fact that I empowered myself and I took control of my body has helped me. Otherwise I might be in complete despair.

Are any of the other people in the film HIV-positive? Have any fallen ill?

Wayne Corbitt has full-blown AIDS. He's had pneumocystis several times, but has remained steady recently and it's amazing how creative he is. He's been furiously writing throughout his whole diagnosis and had a play at Theatre Rhinoceros in January. Danny Castellow is HIV-positive.

Would you have liked to include women in the film?

Ironically, more than half the crew have been women, my editor is a woman and I love working with women. But no, I made a decision early on not to. First of all, it's such a huge topic that I couldn't begin to skim the surface, and then to include women would double that. Secondly, I thought for me as a gay man it would be presumptuous to include women because we're dealing with issues of vulnerability, and some women would not feel comfortable with a man asking them questions about their sexuality. Nor should they. There is distrust sometimes, and rightly so. Some women have been raped and some have been ripped off. Some women would be distrustful of any man who would claim to know what's going on with their sexuality. Plus AIDS is a completely different issue for gay men than it is in the women's community.

Have any of the women working on the film questioned your decision to exclude them from it?

They have been totally supportive. I would love to see a women's companion piece to this film and have tried to get one going, but working on this has been overwhelming and there hasn't been much interest. Maybe there will be someone after this is finished who will take the bull by the horns, or—in this case—the cow by the udders (laughs).

Have you considered finding work in mainstream filmmaking?

I like what I'm doing, although this has been a frustrating experience and I'll have questions about continuing once it's done. I *have to* like what I'm doing and have an affinity for the material I'm working with. My brief foray into being employed by someone else as the director of *Men in Love* was such a weird experience that I can't imagine taking someone else's script or something I didn't feel for and doing it again. The best qualities of my work come from knowing what people are talking about and from having a feeling for what they're saying.

One more question: Is it true you got into an argument with Phillip R. Ford at a party and bit him?

(Laughs) You'll have to refresh my memory. I don't remember that, but I have to admit I used to get drunk and bite people. I was out of control for a while. But it definitely could have happened.

Sex Is... plays May 21-27 at the Castro Theatre and May 28-29 at the UC Theatre in Berkeley. The opening night gala includes a reception and a live performance by Pussy Tourette, whose original songs appear in the film. The evening benefits Frameline's Completion Fund and Positive Resources, a job referral service for HIV positive people. Advance tickets are available through A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St., San Francisco. ✿

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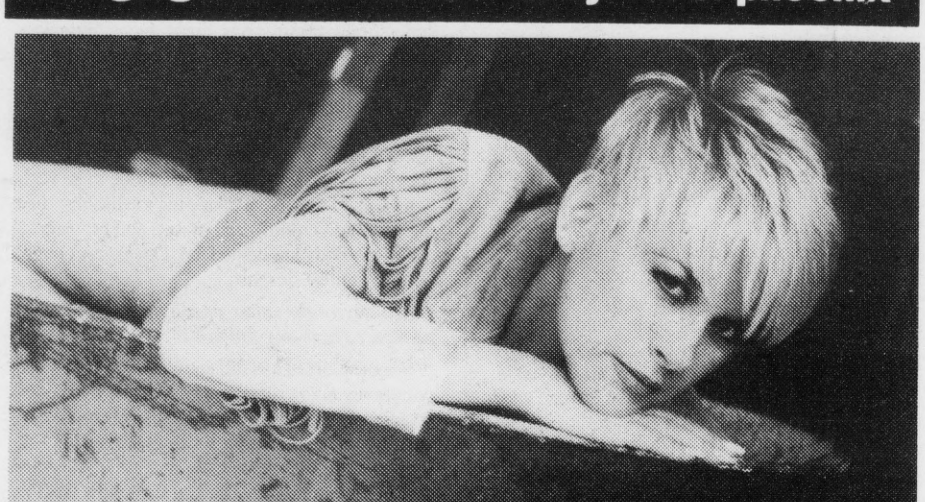

Singer and Harley enthusiast Lorrie Morgan is part of a new breed of country performers. Photo by Val C. Phoenix

The Hardest Way

Like bookends on the week, two TV specials—"The Women of Country" and the "Academy of Country Music Awards"—provided ample evidence of the ascendance of women performers in country music. Indeed, one segment of the program devoted to women in country was called "Women Ascending."

Trisha Yearwood, Suzy Bogguss, Kathy Mattea, Pam Tillis and Mary-Chapin Carpenter figured prominently in both shows, performing and displaying a newly acknowledged camaraderie as women. After winning an ACM award, Carpenter praised the other female nominees and said she'd become friends with them. Not only that, but the dreaded F word (feminism) was uttered on the women's show. Egad! What's happening to country's traditional values?

Well, I wouldn't book that U-Haul for a move to Nashville just yet. The country establishment has been slow to embrace such renegades as Lucinda Williams, and remember that not too long ago k.d. lang gave them fits. It's still a fairly conservative and insular group, though Carpenter's deglamorized look and assertive style have made inroads. There were even a few short-haired women on view in these shows.

Still, it was sad to see the lengths to which older artists feel they need to go to be viable, as the show on women made clear. Tammy Wynette and other veterans appeared more *well-preserved* than anything, whether from cosmetics surgery, or wigs. The concept of natural aging has no place in the Nashville lexicon, obviously.

There's no question it was a younger generation's show. The current interest in country has been mutually beneficial to thirtysomethings like Mattea, Morgan and Tillis, and having them all on one stage was the clincher in making the show happen. And hey, wasn't that Whoopi Goldberg doing the voiceover for an Avon ad during the show touting the virtues of female friendship? Talk about niche marketing.

Nevertheless, such forerunners as Loretta Lynn, Wynette and Dolly Parton (the latter nowhere to be seen) were acknowledged, as were earlier influences like Patsy Cline, Rose Maddox and Mother Maybelle Carter. It ended with all of the guests singing Carpenter's "The Hardest Way." I was fascinated to see all those women on stage, from Kitty Wells to Wanda Jackson to Patsy Montana, who explained of her touring days with men, "They tried to pay me less. I just stood my ground." Wynonna, shown cuddling her dog Patsy, exclaimed, "There's something that happens when women get together... Even today just sitting with the girls, I felt like I could go out and do anything."

AND NOW TO THE RECORDS...

Perhaps Wynonna could go out riding with fellow Harley enthusiast **Lorrie Morgan**. Morgan has a weakness for kitsch, which may or may not be the influence of her role model Tammy Wynette. On her last record, 1991's *Something in Red*, Morgan covered Little Anthony's "Tears on My Pillow," earning a place in my special pantheon of dreadful cover versions. With her latest album, *Watch Me* (BNA), Morgan has grown by leaps and bounds, but allows herself the indulgence of another pop cover—Bonnie Tyler's old hit, "It's a Heartache."

Watch Me remains surefooted all the way through, making good use of Nashville's bounty of songwriters, particularly women. Angela Kaset, who provided the title cut to Morgan's last record, returns with "From Our House to Yours," a meditation on a childhood friendship between two girls. Morgan delivers it with a tenderness usually reserved for adult boy-girl tearjerkers. I like Morgan's sassy, take-no-guff attitude, and not only does she ride, she plays softball.

Faced with throat surgery, **Kathy Mattea** recorded *Lonesome Standard Time* (Mercury) under a cloud. Possessed of a big, husky voice and a gift for choosing just the right song, Mattea scores well on both accounts. This is definitely Nashville product, but Mattea, who took an active role in the pre-production and production, maintains a good balance between upbeat and slow stuff. Standouts include a cover of Nanci Griffith's "Listen to the Radio."

For country pedigree, look no further than that *Homeward Looking Angel*, **Pam Tillis**, whose second Arista release boasts five songs she cowrote. Tillis has a melancholy streak which asserts itself even on the uptempo cuts like "How Gone Is Goodbye," in which she realizes she's blown a relationship. There's also the incredibly retro "Do You Know Where Your Man Is," a caution to women not to leave their men unattended because "there's so much temptation out there." Blech! Still, when she lets loose, she can honky tonk with the best of them, as on "Cleopatra, Queen of Denial."

Singer-songwriter **Rosie Flores** stays more on

the rock side of things with her Hightone release *After the Farm*. A transplanted Texan now living in Southern California, Flores combines a full band sound with raw emotion to create tough, smoky songs like "Price You Pay" and "Oh Heartache."

Also doing a bit of musical melding is Grammy-winning fiddler/singer **Alison Krauss**, who, with her band Union Station, plies a mix of bluegrass and country on her latest Rounder release *Every Time We Say Goodbye*. Krauss applies her clear high voice to choice cuts "Who Can Blame You" and "Lose Again," with honorable mention going to a manic cover of Shawn Colvin's "I Don't Know Why."

Former banjo player for Union Station and onetime San Franciscan **Alison Brown** was the best thing on Michelle Shocked's tour last year, and now she's released her second solo album, *Twilight Motel* on Vanguard. Brown's interested in stretching the confines of the banjo and does so with forays into new agey jazz and Latin flavors. Still, my favorite cuts are straight-up bluegrass: "Lorelei" and "Shoot the Dog." The one non-instrumental is also the only non-original, "Sweet Thames Flow Softly," which is notable both for Maura O'Connell's vocal and because it's addressed to a woman.

Any band calling itself the **Dixie Chicks** must have a sense of humor, and this Dallas-based group, whose last album was titled *Thank Heavens for Dale Evans*, does indeed know when to laugh at certain country excesses. Decked out in the requisite boots and fringed dresses, the four women combine sharp musicianship with wit on their latest independent release, *Little Ol' Cowgirl*. These cowgirls have a definite bluegrass bent, with emphasis on the fiddle and banjo and exquisite vocal harmonies. Band member Robin Lynn Macy contributes "Just a Bit Like Me," about two sisters whose lives take divergent paths. The flip side to that is a hilarious tongue-in-cheek consideration of wishfulness called "Pink Toenails," which manages to rhyme "sperm whale" with "Roy 'n' Dale." Now *that's* country.

It's a song that might be appreciated by The Spudds, the mother and daughter singing team of Wynotta and Yuomi that resides in the imaginations of Lisa Koch and Peggy Platt, AKA Dos Fallopia. The duo played three nights at Josie's performing their mix of sketch comedy and songs. Other characters included the Surly Bitches and various personae tweaking the womyn's community. The show could have been tightened some to reduce excess stage chatter, but I found it to be loads of fun. You can catch them this summer at such womonly venues as Campfest and RhythmFest.

ENDNOTES....

While I echo the declaration *Thank God I'm a Lesbian*, I was less impressed by the film of the same name that just finished up a seven-day run at the Castro. I'm still wondering how someone working with such inherently exciting material could produce such a deadly dull final piece of work. I mean, come on. Couldn't the filmmakers have taken their interview subjects outside or something? Anything to break up the monotony of watching a group of mostly Canadian academics discuss lesbian life like it was some seminar topic to be processed. Wasn't there someone who wasn't horrified by S/M or bisexuality? How did Sarah Schulman end up in a Canadian production anyway? Was she just passing through town? All of these questions were more intriguing to me than what was happening on screen, which was precious little: some unidentified pride parade footage and shots of American magazine covers. Two thumbs up for the title, though.

Upcoming shows: Bernice Johnson Reagon and Toshi Reagon close out Redwood's concert season with a show at the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland May 22. Call (510) 835-1445. Toshi then heads up to Bodega for a show at the IMA on May 29 and a workshop on Black Women in Music on May 30. Call (707) 876-3004.

Also, Shawn Colvin returns to SF with a backing band at the Warfield May 27. 10,000 Maniacs are at the Greek Theater May 29, and the Sundays hit the Marin Exhibit Hall June 1. ✿

Bitches Brunch

by Val C. Phoenix

It's a long way from Seattle, that's for sure. On a sunny March day, the four women of 7 Year Bitch are posing for photographs in an art gallery attached to the Melkweg complex in Amsterdam. The current exhibit, in honor of International Women's Day, is a collection of photos depicting famous women eating breakfast. One photo in particular exerts a gravitational pull on the band. Patti Smith? Janis Joplin? No, with squeals of delight, the band makes a beeline for the portrait of anti-porn crusader Andrea Dworkin.

Maybe it's because she's American, or perhaps they're fans of *Intercourse*. It could be they just like the photo. In any case, after exclaiming over the picture, the band congregates around a small table to finish the session under the watchful gaze of the controversial theorist. It seems an odd union, but it's just possible Dworkin might appreciate the band's response to male violence, "Dead Men Don't Rape."

Bassist Liz Davis pronounces the exhibit "very cool." Guitarist Roisin Dunne doesn't say much of anything, but smiles mysteriously. In any case, this brief meeting is only the latest in a series of European dates that have taken them from England to Italy. There's nothing like a tour to take a band out of itself, and this, their first tour ever, has been a coup for the four members, known affectionately to their record company as "the Bitches."

In two short years, 7 Year Bitch has gone from learning to play its instruments to headlining a European tour. But, they're used to doing things unconventionallly. Says drummer Valerie Agnew, "It's just weird to be here for us 'cause we're a really new band and pretty inexperienced at things, so we didn't really know what to expect, and anyway we were pretty much wingin' it by being here at all. It's just sort of the nature of what we do, I guess."

As singer Selene Vigil says, "We don't really know what we're doing. We just do it." And so, by this most circuitous of routes, the band arrives for its first SF show at the Kennel Club on June 2, supporting Silverfish.

With their churning hard rock riffs and Vigil's oiled sandpaper vocals featured on the album *Sick 'Em* (C/Z) and appearances on compilations such as *Kill Rock Stars* and *There's a Dyke in the Pit*, the band has amassed a good deal of press atten-

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tion and appears somewhat the worse for wear. Taking up the interview duties, Agnew chooses her words carefully, while Vigil suggests she may start lying at any minute to keep things interesting. "I'm not lying now, but I might later," she laughs.

Sitting by the Melkweg stage after soundcheck, best friends Vigil, 27, and Agnew, 24, explain that the band's roots began in a humble Seattle health food store where both Vigil and Agnew worked.

As Agnew tells it, they were standing around one day with time on their hands. Vigil jumps in: "We were goin', 'Huh! We should start a band. I'm a woman. You're a woman. And we're from Seattle. I think we've got something here. I think we can make some money.'" She doubles over laughing, and Agnew is equally incoherent. I smell a revisionist history, and Vigil admits they're making fun of their inspiration.

Never far from their thoughts is the presence of founding guitarist Stefanie Sargent, whose loss is evoked almost offhandedly by Vigil when she remarks the band would have toured sooner, had it not been that "our guitar player died." Of course, it was nothing so casual as that. Sargent's drug-related death last summer stopped the fledgling band in its tracks just after a triumphant return from New York's New Music Seminar, the premiere showcase for unsigned and indie bands.

After a period of mourning for their friend and some soul-searching, the surviving members forged on with the band and tapped Dunne, a friend of Sargent's, for guitar duties. It's been a hasty adjustment for her, but says Agnew, "For Roisin, probably one of the best things we could have done would be to go on tour. I mean, what faster way to learn?"

A sense of camaraderie is important to the band. Says Vigil, "If we didn't get along as friends, we wouldn't be in the band. I couldn't be in a band with somebody I didn't like."

They are less eager to be swept up with current trends. As an all-woman band from Seattle, 7 Year Bitch would appear ideally positioned for a marketing push into the big time, but they refuse to embrace the obvious: they don't bring up Seattle, don't like being compared with other women's bands and hate being called Riot Grrrls.

Agnew views the rush to bind women in rock into some kind of movement with some bemusement. "We just do what we do, and people are interested in what women are doing, 'cause women are fucking rad, you know? People are paying attention to what women are doing. You know, you can't deny that, but at the same time, it's really hard to talk about it when you're dealing with a typical interviewer, because you know they're not gonna represent or understand what you're saying. So, they're gonna fuck it all up, you know?"

She is more appreciative of the young fans the band may inspire. "We get a lot of mail from people just talking about our band and what it means to them and how it affected them and that's always really cool if there's some girl from fuckin' Ohio or Wisconsin or some shit town that like hears about us and is motivated by it and wants to start playing music."

7 Year Bitch on the canal in Amsterdam (L-r): Roisin, Valerie, Selene and Liz. Photo by Val C. Phoenix

Yet, Agnew is quick to deflect any political bent to the band. Take "Dead Men Don't Rape," a perfect embodiment of rage inspired by a late-night conversation and some graffiti. Says Agnew, "It's not like we thought, 'OK we're gonna be this like female representative for the rock generation and we're gonna say something really strong about rape.' It wasn't like that at all, you know."

In a recent interview, Agnew and Vigil complemented each other well, playing sort of tag-team interviewees, as when the discussion of political bands led into the "angry women" tag the band has gotten. They take umbrage at the phrase, Vigil in particular, perhaps, because she's been described as having "boundless anger":

(Agnew) It's just one of those media tactics again where they want to put you in one category or another, and so...

(Vigil) Yeah. They're like, "These are a bunch of angry women with the song 'Dead Men Don't Rape.'" They don't even look at a song like "8 Ball Deluxe," which is like a totally light little dingbat song. They just like totally get the harshness of it.

(Agnew) The buzzwords. Dead. Men.

(Vigil) "Angry" "women" gets put together a lot. It was "7 Year Bitch, angry women." Yeah, we're just pissed off all the time. (laughs)

(SF Bay Times) Oh, I see. So you'd really rather have it, "They're really very nice girls."

(Vigil) Well, no. Not really, but after you see it like a hundred and fifty times in two months, then you're just like, "Whoa!"

So you don't have "boundless anger"?

(Vigil) I get really angry—

(Agnew) She has boundless anger. (laughs) That is an accurate statement.

(Vigil) I do. I know I get mad, but it's not unjustified, I don't think.

(Agnew) No, not at all.

(Vigil) Anger is good. There's nothing wrong with anger. You know, people should get angry. If people don't get angry, then there's something fuckin' wrong with them, because there's a hell of a lot to get angry about (bitter laugh dissolving into mutual giggles.) Like now I'm totally contradicting myself. I *am* angry, dammit! (slams table in mock indignation and laughs) That other part—I was kiddin'. Remember when I told you I was gonna lie?

Now we shall pause while the band collects itself and I try to restore order to the proceedings. Vigil continues, "Mostly I get angry with ignorance. People that are ignorant. People that are just clueless. People that I think are just like a waste of human flesh. (Agnew bursts into laughter again.) You know? Yeah, and most of them I like go out with or something!" She and Agnew laugh in unison before enacting a bit of a verbal pas de deux.

(Agnew) I think we run up against things all the time that make us angry. Society's fucked up, you know? There's lots of things. There's government. There's men. (SV guffaws) There's like relationships. There's this. There's that. It's like if you're alive and you're thinking and you're intelligent—

(Vigil) —you're gonna get pissed.

(Agnew) It's like if you don't—

(Vigil) —you're livin' in a little bubble.

(Agnew) And that's what always kind of surprises me about the fact that people are so surprised that underground music is angry. I mean it's like, "Duh!!"

Actually, to me anger seems very constructive, in fact, rather cathartic. But it seems like a lot of your reviews, and reactions of the journalists, I guess particularly the male reviewers, is that they feel threatened. Do you like people to feel threatened?

(Vigil) Maybe I'm just goin' for lettin' 'em know how I feel, you know, which is like, of course what any, I suppose, artist wants to do, right? Any poet or a painter or anything, they have an idea and they're trying to express it. I feel pretty strongly about... gettin' to the core of what I'm tryin' to get at and gettin' it out and yeah, however they interpret it is how they interpret it.

Another song born out of anger is the equally political "No Fucking War."

(Vigil) That song was written in about five minutes, like during the Gulf War. We got in the practice room one night and they just started wailing, and I started screaming and then that's what happened.

(Agnew) It just came together.

(Vigil) Somebody came up to us and was like, "I think it's really funny that four little white girls would sing about being fucking poor. Like what do you know about it?" and I was like, "You know, that's not even what I meant, but first of all, why can't little white girls be fucking poor? I mean I know plenty of little white girls that are poor, so don't fucking pull that with me, like we're so privileged." It wasn't even specifically

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talking about us as individuals. I guess maybe I was taking this grandiose thing and talking about the nation or whatever.

Well, it was kind of interesting, though, 'cause that's what sort of started punk off, wasn't it? That kind of feeling of not having money and not feeling like you're part of society and not feeling like it's giving anything back to you.

(Vigil) Yeah, yeah. And you're fucking bored.

Do you make any connections with that?

(Vigil) To that feeling? Yeah, definitely. Yeah, I mean more so when I was younger, you know. I was more raw. Now I've just accepted the fact that it's pretty fucked up and I'm not quite as jerked around 'cause I know it's fucked up, and you gotta live your life the way you have to do it, and sometimes you wanna fight it and sometimes it's like (pause) you wanna live and you wanna be happy, and there's a certain thing you gotta do to make yourself happy. You can't be angry all the time. You have to find something to be that makes you happy and makes you feel good. So it's kind of trying to find the balance, you know?

Vigil became the singer in 7 Year Bitch by default, turning her untried voice to the material and also contributing lyrics. Yet, as she confides, she had no formal training and had to overcome her own fears to try her voice out. "I just started yellin'. I never sang before this. I didn't pattern myself after anybody. I think if I sound like anybody, I sound like my mom. My mom used to yell a lot. She had six kids, so of course she yelled a lot, and then when my brother saw me play, he said, 'Selene, you sound just like mom'."

Whatever its origins, such ferocity serves her well in performance. Vigil seems possessed onstage, screaming in a voice reminiscent of Perry Farrell, while the rest of the band whips through a scorching set of material.

Another interesting feature of 7 Year Bitch's performances is the audience rapport. Says Vigil of her ideal crowd, "I like a good mix actually. I like spasmodic kids bouncing off walls, you know, but it's also cool when people aren't just bouncing around and they actually listen to you... and they're paying attention."

I have a friend in Seattle who swears Selene Vigil is a shameless flirt who was cruising her from the stage, so I decided to pop the obvious question, which yields an interesting choice of words.

So, are any of the folks in your band queer?

(Agnew) Not straight up. I'm bisexual.

Not straight up?

(Agnew) Not like totally lesbian.

(Vigil) Not like cut and dried.

(Agnew) No, I think I'm the only one who's bisexual. Stefanie was, but she's not here anymore.

(Vigil) I keep waitin' for the right woman. (guffaws)

(Agnew) We all look. We appreciate it. (laughter) Yeah, I mean I love women, but I'm not a lesbian. I'm a dyke. I'm currently involved with a man right now.

Well, how do you feel about all those dykes who go to your shows?

(Vigil) It's awesome.

(Agnew) I think it's great. I love it. Especially if they can see it doesn't matter if we're dykes or not. If they like our music and they like what we say, I think that's rad.

Do you encourage the adulation?

(Agnew) Hell yes.

Mindless adulation?

(Mass giggling.)

Worshipping at the 7 Year Bitch altar?
(More mass giggling.)

Then again perhaps mass adulation isn't on their agenda. Says Vigil, "I don't know if I'd like it if we got really big because sometimes... I don't wanna be nice, you know? It's like suddenly we have to be *nice* all the time." ✿

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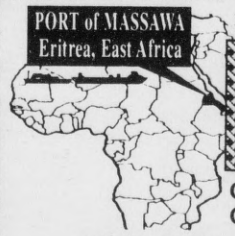

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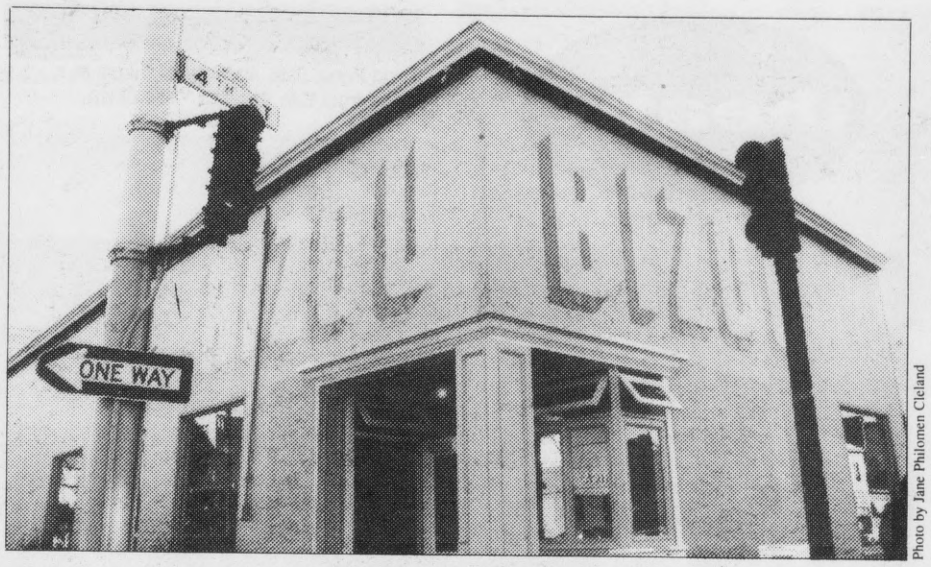

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Here in the City, Keller spent time at Stars—first working in the purchasing department for two years, then as chef in the top-notch Grill Room for two years, and as chef in the Cafe for two years, all the time learning, working and polishing the vision of her own place. Her now-husband/partner Graham took his own route, learning front of the house skills as manager of Bix for one year, and of Aqua for the last two years.

Keller's style is delicate, playful food that both revives traditional French dishes and adjusts for current tastes. With creative words like ''schmwa'' used to denote both a sauce/relish/puree and a smiling, easy manner, Keller's food comes off very well. And Graham, the former bow-tie-wearing professor, has loosened up a bit.

As Graham told me, Bizou combines a culmination of personalities with a welcoming feeling, ''as if we've always been here.'' Rather than aiming to replicate an old Paris bistro, he aims to capture the essence of modern bistro, melding a San Franciscan approach to contemporary cuisine with a French mystique. Bizou's design evolved around the earlier existing restaurant, so columns and odd angles remain, hopefully adding a fourth dimension to the place: the past.

One large room with street-facing picture windows makes up the 70-seat dining area. Wade Hoefer painted the interior walls in squash tones suggesting Van Gogh's skies, and his spouse Myra Hoefer has arranged unpretentious sprays of dogwood in oversized metal buckets on the still-uncompleted bar of sexy white oak, stained dark. The bar is modeled after a photograph in a book of French eateries, and blends in well with the other wooden attachments—an antique cashier stand, the custom-made sideboard and simple curved back chairs. When the light from the outside fades, frosted glass sconces and an authentic hanging fixture afford a warm peaceable glow. Pleasant table settings on white cloths provide a neutral backdrop for the colorful, textured food.

Three large squares of **Ravioli** ($6.75, selection changes daily) combine toothsome pasta sauced with tomato concasse and zippy Italian parsley pesto, which overwhelm the subtle wild mushroom and ricotta filling. One of the bright stars on the menu is **Brandade with Wood Oven Roasted Potatoes** ($6.50); a mound of warm and creamy pureed salt-cod is crowned with concentrated tomato sauce and circled by perfect little potatoes. It's on dishes such as these that Keller's experience and light touch show best. A simple **Warm Salad of Fava Beans, Artichoke, Pecorino and Nasturtium** ($8) offers no surprises: the shyly dressed plate of split favas, tiny artichoke hearts, brilliant orange, peppery nasturtium petals and grated tangy cheese tastes, if not dull, at least understated.

I won't soon forget the soup of the day, **Cold Avocado with Curried Crab Remoulade** ($4), which was silky smooth and accented with lime, cumin and a gingery dollop of Dungeness crab ''schmwa.''

A massive wood-fired pizza oven sends out pizza, calzone, and **Bizou Crisp Italian Flatbread** ($5.50), a rustic rye-enriched crust topped with caramelized onions, olives, anchovies, pecorino and herbs.

The **Sauteed Skate with Mashed Potatoes and Provencal Tomatoes** ($10.50) brings a generous slab of fish, with a soft, melting texture over the creamiest mashed potatoes ever, the whole surrounded by chopped tomatoes, capers and olives with a touch of anchovy paste. A breathtaking dish, the **Baked Salmon with Artichoke, Arugula and Shiitake Mushrooms** ($13.50) is a moist and tender filet of wild local king salmon, with a warm and wonderfully woodsy salad. A surprise hit, the **Grilled Lamb Shoulder Chop with French Lentils and Asparagus** ($11) ranks high on this customer's picks. It's perhaps challenging to eat, what with turning the well-seasoned chop over and around to glean each morsel of juicy meat, but I enjoyed what no one else in town will dare to serve (and lamb, for $11, *anywhere* already turns one thumb up). Divine lentils of just the right firmness and pencil-thin, grilled asparagus round out the plate nicely.

The entrees prove two points of mine about Bizou: one, that the food takes some thought to order; it helps to enjoy the intricacies of the food if you understand, for example, the texture of skate or beef cheek, or the richness of the baked taglioni a la Harry's in Venice, or that the lamb chop has bones throughout; and two, that servers must be as knowledgeable as possible about the food, which I found not to be the case, but then again, Bizou is still barely an infant.

When in France, Keller would order a *vacherin*, without fail, at the end of a meal, disregarding Graham's urgings to try something else. So of course, the **Bittersweet Chocolate and Vanilla Vacherin** is incomparable: Looking like an ill-assembled baked Alaska, the dessert combines a ring of baked meringue topped with chocolate ice cream and toasted almonds, with pools of intense chocolate sauce and *creme anglaise*. A **Fresh Fruit Gratin with Vanilla Ice Cream** brings sliced fruit—in this case strawberries, cantaloupe and pineapple—glazed with sabayon and passion fruit sauce; comingled with the natural fruit juices and the melting ice cream, it made for a light, but heavenly, dessert. **Apricot and Cranberry Clafoutis**, another traditional French dessert, is a slightly sweetened ''tart'' of fruit in an egg batter baked in a tart crust, for an airy, custardy cake the less adventurous will enjoy. A playful special one night, the **Coupe of Malted Chocolate,** came in a parfait glass, with three layers of dark chocolate, malted chocolate mousses and a whipped cream topping. Desserts ($5), in a sense, exemplify all the food: interesting and original, with just enough substance to satisfy without gluttony.

Bizou's intelligent, reasonably priced wine list provides samples from the best wine regions of California, France and Italy, with trilingual

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headings. Several wines are available by the glass, and two carefully selected half bottles, the **Billecart-Salmon Brut Rose NV** champagne ($32) and the **Vieux Telegraph Chateauneuf du Pape 1990** ($20), would be fine with any meal. After-dinner ports, wines and coffee (from MacLaughlin in Oakland) add to the experience of the relaxed setting.

As the last guests finish their dinners, Joseph Graham sets down his dinner plate at the bar and pulls up a stool. Bizou's a real place, and this is like his home, so why not? The familiarity recalls France; all that's missing is the dog.

AROUND TOWN

The folks at **Candlestick Park** are trying to outdo themselves, and in the process might only cause thousands of cases of indigestion. It seems they're competing with the Oakland Coliseum people, whose new California-esque concessions stands are winning raves. But will the new stands at the 'Stick (taquerias, Italian and seafood shops) draw bigger crowds? Call me a snob, but I doubt the marketing will work, and the sight of a guy trudging up and down the stadium steps with a full tray shouting "Iced cappuccino!" runs a chill up and down my spine. Give me a dog, some freshly roasted peanuts, a coke or a beer, and some baseball—classic.

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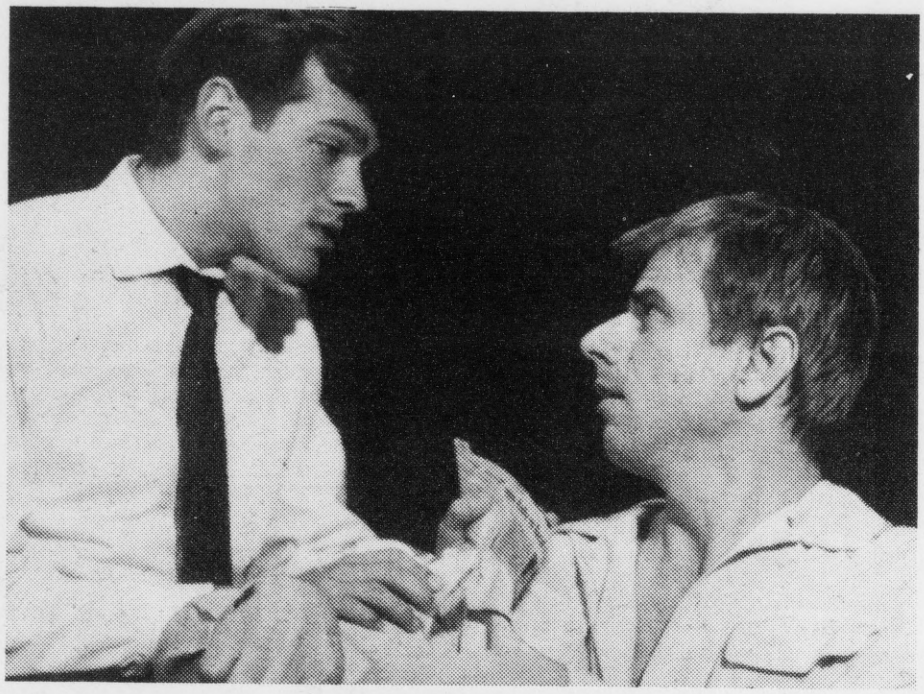

David Perez (left) and Mikael Duden in a scene from C.D. Arnold's "The Client."

The Client

San Francisco playright C.D. Arnold's last play, *The Client*, was in the final stages of revision at the time of his death from AIDS last fall. Steven Patterson, working from Arnold's notes and various drafts, assembled the present script. Patterson and John Sowle, artistic and producing directors of Kaliyuga Arts, have mounted the play as their first Bay Area production.

The "client" of the title is a well-established and AIDS-infected actor in a Boston repertory company. Debilitated, riddled with self-pity and anger, he has closed himself off in a dark apartment, refusing to answer the phone or see old friends. Michael Duden, in a finely controlled performance, is Francis, the client.

Tim (David C. Perez) is the "care provider" who has volunteered to cook, clean and run errands daily for the demanding and frequently rude Francis. Tim, the product of an affluent Long Island background, is good-hearted but would undoubtedly require lessons in running a vacuum cleaner. His main attributes—and in this case sufficient ones—are his sweet temperament, his clean-cut attractiveness and his willingness to put up with Francis' tantrums, which thinly disguise the fact that Francis is falling in love with him.

It's a brilliant first scene of bantering and making up and might well stand as a one-act on its own. In an attempt to coax Francis back into the world of the living, Tim suggests that he write a dramatic piece to perform for his two closest friends—actors and longtime lovers Dolores and Lily.

Dolores (Maryann Sanders) and Lily (Janet Keller) return from tour, discover a weakened Francis and an unkempt apartment, and a jealous Dolores takes a violent dislike to Tim. Lily, whose biological clock is sounding alarms, wants to have a baby and sizes up the handsome, acquiescent Tim.

In three simultaneously staged scenes with overlapping dialogue, Tim and his lover Zack (Andrew Harkins) fight over Tim's devotion to Francis and Tim's insistence that they postpone an anniversary honeymoon to the Cape; Dolores reveals that she is adamantly opposed to Lily's plans for motherhood; and Francis writes and rehearses the script of his monologue.

The performance comes off with Francis taking center stage with some poetic evocations of his life and philosophy and some occasional meanderings into forgetfulness. An audience made up of Tim, an impregnated Lily, and an increasingly resentful Dolores joined by Zack, who enters midway during the reading. For some reason, Zack is mesmerized by Francis' reading, and with even less reason, Dolores creates an ugly scene notable for some hysterical overacting.

Arnold has created a fascinating triangle of male relationships, but now in three acts, *The Client* might well be condensed into two with the deletion of a couple of extraneous scenes, downplaying the sub-plot and cutting some of Francis' overlong monologue. But when Francis and Tim are alone together, Arnold's power to create dramatic fireworks is at its peak.

The Client continues through Sunday, May 22, 8 pm, at the New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave. Phone (415) 861-8972.

Pat Parker and Joe Vincent. Photo by Joseph Greco

Lend Me a Tenor

For whatever misguided reason ACT dumped its announced production of *Lend Me a Tenor*, its decision has resulted in a major box office hit for the Marin Theatre Company.

Let's just say it's gloriously funny from the first slammed door.

Ken Ludwig's Tony Award-winning farce, directed by Albert Takazauckas and featuring a cast of actors adept at delivering comic schtick, has to do with mistaken identities, the folly of superstar worship, and the sly assumption that the cultural elite of Cleveland would not be able to differentiate between a world class Otello and an amateur pretender.

Joe Vincent, a fine actor who can also sing (though he isn't called upon to do so) is the Italian tenor Tito Merelli, who has been imported to star in the opera guild's production of Verdi's tragedy about the Moor of Venice. He arrives at the hotel suite preceded by his wife (Sharon Lockwood in her funniest role in years), complains of a stomach ache, takes some strong medication along with several glasses of wine, and falls into a deep slumber. Jealous wife Maria has meantime departed in a snit, leaving behind a farewell note.

Unable to awaken the tenor and assuming the note is his suicide message, the bombastic opera manager Saunders (an apoplectic Will Marchetti) forces his namby-pamby gofer assistant Max (Hector Correa) into the star's wig, turban and costume and thrusts him on stage. Luckily—or unluckily—for Cleveland, Max knows how to sing and is a sensation.

Merelli revives, dresses in his duplicate costume and rushes off to the theater, where he is denied admission as an imposter. Both singers return separately and in identical costumes to the suite; Max to the sitting room, Merelli to the bedroom. Within moments both startled men are lavished with the sexual favors of the company's diva (Alicia Sedwick) and Saunders' daughter Maggi (Nancy Lee Russell). Since Maggie is semi-betrothed to Max, it is particularly fitting that she chose to seduce Otello in the sitting room.

Barbara Mesney's set features six doors leading to a pantry, bathroom, closet, bedroom and hall. Throughout the play, doors pop open or slam—sometimes two in unison—to reveal a fresh surprise: a singing bellhop (Bob Greene), the opera guild chairlady (Pat Parker), or the return of Merelli's tempestuous wife.

This is not the wittiest comedy ever written, but it may well be the funniest farce to play locally since the same company's production of *Noises Off*.

Correa is superb as the weak-willed flunky who gets the girl; Marchetti is a refreshing surprise as a slow-burn comedian; Nancy Lee Russell is gorgeous as a young girl seeking one fling before settling down; Sharon Lockwood is both funny and tender as the long-suffering wife; and Joe Vincent is priceless as the tenor women most want to commit adultery with.

If the Marin Theatre Company's board has any financial smarts, it will move this production, lock, stock and wigs to a downtown San Francisco theater.

Meantime, *Lend Me a Tenor* continues at the Marin Theatre Company, Mill Valley, through May 30. Call (415) 388-5208. ✿

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Pageant

John Nockels and his beauties. Photo by John O'Hara

Mom, apple pie, the flag, tail-wagging puppies, Fourth of July picnics and beauty contests—images of a technicolor America, circa 1940-1960. *Pageant*, a satire on the last of these American institutions, the beauty contest, brings us eight of these "beauties" on their big night. Beauties they may be; real women they're not. Strutting their stuff in the Miss Glamouresse Pageant at the Palace Theatre are six of San Francisco's most elegantly coiffed and gowned drags. They are put through their paces by host John Nockels as smarmy crooner Frankie Cavalier, whose smug manner, bad wig and embalmed maquillage may remind you of a real-life pageant host.

Each contestant is called upon to answer a beauty crisis call and dispense advice while selling the sponsor's product (facial spackle for enlarged pores to ozone-restoring hairspray).

From the crass commercials for the Glamouresse beauty products to the "by the numbers" production routines, *Pageant* is performed with unctuous sincerity. The result is not only devastating satire but outrageously funny comedy. The song lyrics play the theme to the hilt, reminding us that the girls are "Natural Born Females" (they're "made in the USA"), that they not only have "Girl Power," they have "Something Extra." And indeed they do.

Unlike the cloned contestants of most pageants, these leggy beauties have distinct personalities. Prissy Miss Bible Belt (Brian Beacock), confessing that her hobbies are prayer and fasting, displays her talent in a bell-ringing number called "I'm Banking on Jesus" and proudly reveals that when she was too broke to buy mascara she was not too proud to ask the lord for help.

The token ethnic, Miss Industrial Northeast (the delightfully bewildered Billy De Herrera), smothered in the ruffles of a Puerto Rican cha-cha dancer, played the accordion while engaged in a death-defying roller skating act. He was awarded the questionable distinction of being voted the Miss Glamouresse Girlfriend.

Miss Texas (luscious, swivel-hipped Michael Cameron Benbrook) wowed the audience with her tap dancing, rope twirling and pistol marksmanship. She enjoys working with the beauty impaired, she says. (On the night I caught *Pageant*, Miss Texas lost and was the immediate audience favorite as Miss Sore Loser.)

Glamorous Justin Bond as Miss Great Plains managed to maintain a frozen smile throughout the evening's four main events—swimsuit, evening gown, beauty crisis call (comforting her caller with the spiritual message that she was *not* just a hairdo with a heartbeat), and talent (an on-her-knees recitation of "I Am the Land," in which she begged us to respect the earth, the sea and the air).

Miss West Coast (David Klatt) is an EST graduate (need you have asked?), an interpretive dancer, a proud modeler of a day-glo wardrobe, and a total airhead whose attention span was sorely tested by the simplest of questions.

Miss Deep South (Eric Ranelletti), pretty as a picture in a gown designed to remind us of Scarlett O'Hara, oozed sweetness and light, mentioning a passing interest in cancer research, and performed a ventriloquist act with not one but two hand puppets. What judge could resist that honeyed accent?

Five judges are chosen from the audience at each performance, so there may be a different winner each night. But whichever of the five finalists takes to the runway with the roses, you can bet she'll be smiling through her tears.

Book and lyrics by Frank Kelly and Bill Russell; music by Albert Evans; redirected and rechoreographed from the off-Broadway original by Tony Parise; and musical direction by David Spence.

Pageant plays Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 pm; Friday and Saturday at 7 and 10; and Sunday at 3 and 8. Call (415) 989-SHOW. ✿

People Are Living There

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

People Are Living There, by internationally famous Athol Fugard, makes for a long life's journey into night, as performed at and produced by the Y Theatre at the Central YMCA. During the course of the play, the audience is given a hard, unrelenting look into this boarding house kitchen in Johannesburg, South Africa. Politics abound, but only those inherent in human interaction.

Fugard's many powerful plays typically deal with "the brutal impact of apartheid on the people of his native South Africa." But with *People*, via an all-white cast of characters, the playwright constantly questions the purpose of life through modern-day tragic hero Milly, a feisty 50-year-old who's having a really bad day. Like a child with her first skinned knee, she cries out for relief from pain. Due to her recent menopause, the man she's secretly lived with for ten years has just dumped her. Because she can no longer bear children, she's no longer a woman—EEK! Yet she refuses to celebrate her 50th birthday alone. With all the power plays inherent in a dysfunctional family, she proceeds to bully two of her tenants into a pathetic celebration.

Actress Erin McCalla appears too young for the

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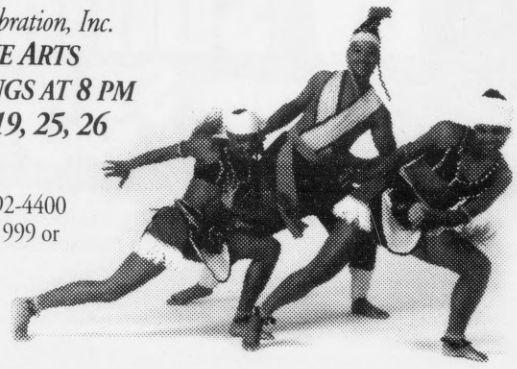

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role of Milly, relying on physicality to create the older character. (And due to performing too broadly in an extremely intimate space, she appears at brief moments like Gloria Swanson in *Sunset Boulevard* and at others like a declining Bette Davis.) An intensely demanding role, McCalla must run countless emotional gamuts with the stamina of an Olympic athlete. Actors Jim Chance and Don Wood render finely drawn, complex and subtle performances.

Director Andrew Sokoloff presents *People* in a straightforward manner. He keeps the technical aspects simple and the pace varied. Janet Molohon's costumes are appropriately shabby, denoting the economic ambience of the location and characters.

The Y Theatre space appears to be in transition from what was once a large, lovely auditorium. Nostalgic gilt curlicues (all but forgotten in today's architecture) abound. *People*, however, is performed not on the grand stage, but amid what would be audience's domain. The seating consists of tough-on-the-butt folding chairs and wraps three-quarters around the acting space, providing an intimate forum for an intimate play.

The press material for the Y Theatre's *People Are Living There*, states "There are few avenues for the development of new plays and non-established talent. We have the opportunity to support new works that other venues would avoid, and thus help develop the next generation of theater artists." Obviously not the next generation of playwrights. The Y Theater's opening season features work by already established and/or dead playwrights including Athol Fugard, Judith Thompson (Canadian produced in New York) and Tennessee Williams.

Clocking in at over two hours of anger, angst and "Why am I alive" soul searching, *People* manages to maintain the audience's attention. Fugard fans and serious theater-goers looking for intense drama that questions the meaning of life will revel in the many moving moments.

People Are Living There at Y Theatre, 2nd floor of Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue until May 30. $7-10. (415) 885-0460. ✿

La Ronde II

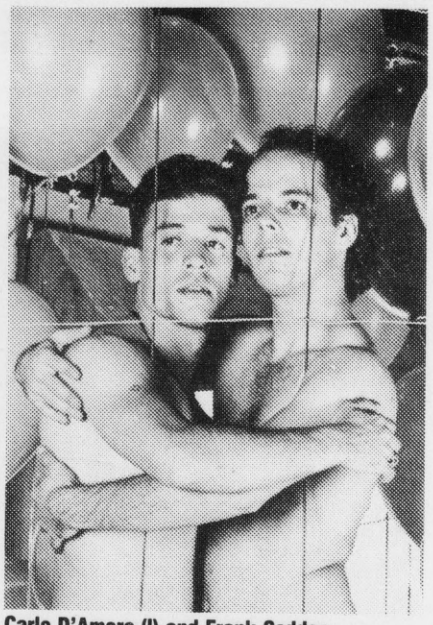
by Casey Ward

The first time *La Ronde* was performed, in Vienna in 1920, it was already 24 years old, but still ahead of its time. The audience showed its disapproval by tearing the theater apart. Its producers and actors were dragged into court and charged with affronting public morality. Though the judge rendered a verdict that, in the balance, *La Ronde* condemned promiscuity, its author, Arthur Schnitzler, withdrew performing rights.

According to John Higgins, director of *La Ronde II*, "We're walking right into the eye of the hurricane, because Americans are absolutely, totally, utterly obsessed with sex. We're in a subject matter that, to be controversial, all you have to do is do it. Future generations will look back and laugh."

Having what Higgins says is "the format of a porno movie," with "no plot, no story, no political point of view," *La Ronde* has shown itself to be widely adaptable, and is almost certain to undergo further transmutations. With melancholic detachment, the play shows a series of pickups and get-togethers, ending with the reappearance of the first character in yet another unsatisfying encounter. Several productions were staged in London after the copyright expired, most notably the Royal Shakespeare Company's adults-only 1982 shocker. The all-male Eric Bentley version premiered in Los Angeles in 1987 and subsequently ran in New York for seven months. *La Ronde* spawned two films so far: the Max Ophuls 1950 version starring Simone Signoret and other stars of the period; and Roger Vadim's 1964 *Circle of Love*, starring Jane Fonda.

The current staging promises to be at least as controversial as any that have come before, with plentiful nudity and no discreet fadeouts during sexual interludes. Set in a '70s disco in the Castro, the play ignores AIDS entirely and decries the pointlessness of promiscuity while displaying it up close and personal.



Carlo D'Amore (l) and Frank Gedden. Photo by David Allen

"The whole disco idea was to get dressed up, swan around, get laid, get drunk, get loaded, have a shallow, plastic time," Higgins says. "It's not so different now. It's just viewed as being politically incorrect. With sex it's always best if we think we're doing one thing and we're actually doing something else. There's a line in the play that says, 'Sex isn't sex unless someone's being deceived.' That's so true. Usually the person being deceived is yourself. That heightens the intrigue, it heightens the mystery, it heightens the pleasure. It's human nature, and we must talk one thing, while we act another."

Higgins, while not convinced that sex is really all that important, decided to swim with the stream, but faster. "We decided, like the Royal Shakespeare Company, we will do it onstage. It's our job as artists to push the boundaries, push what can and cannot be shown. We hold the mirror up to nature; that's our job. People would say, 'You can do that, but don't point the mirror in my direction.' That's out of bounds, out of court, in an artist's rulebook. Sex is part of our society. We hold the mirror up to it, and we show it. If you're offended, my answer is, well, how do you think you got here?"

You might want to think twice before buying front-row tickets. "There's nine different displays of sexuality, as close as we can get, without the real thing" Higgins says. "We try to do justice to the play as the most controversial play ever written, by putting it in a modern 1993 sensibility and asking, 'What is controversial to you today?' And what we're trying to do is explore with this play what those boundaries are." Hmmm....

"It's got nothing to do with AIDS," Higgins says. "AIDS hadn't come along in 1979. Hamlet doesn't deal with the atom bomb. To expect it to have anything to do with it is just another example of political correctness, which is, to my way of thinking, the dirtiest words that you can use in theater. If we deal with it in this play, we're going to have to have Polonius hand out condoms to Ophelia and Laertes."

Australian-born Higgins, 50, first performed at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego with the future founding members of ACT. After ten productions with that group, he moved to London, starring in pioneering gay-themed plays such as *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, and then moved to South Africa, where he made a name for himself in what was then "an actor's paradise." Higgins became nationally recognized in the United States in the '70s during the tour of *Survival*, which caused a furor because its Black South African cast members were denied permission to perform by Equity, the actors' union. *La Ronde II* is dedicated to the director's brother, Colin Higgins, author of *Harold and Maude*, *Nine to Five* and *Foul Play*, who recently died of AIDS.

Previews of La Ronde II *on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20, will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. One dollar of each ticket sold during the run will also go to the fund. Opening night is Friday, May 21, at 8:30 pm. Regular performances are Thursday-Saturday through June 26. $20, at the Alcazar Loft, 650 Geary St. For tickets and info, call 749-1790.* ✿

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Theater Briefs

EVITA

It's been more than a dozen years since Patti Lupone and Mandy Patinkin enchanted local audiences with their remarkable interpretations of Superdespot Evita Peron and the narrator Che. "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" has passed into pop music's hall of fame, and not a month goes by that a new star isn't announced for the imminent movie version.

Evita is back for a brief run and, aside from a production that is fairly identical to the original, a fine Evita in Valerie Perri, an enigmatic and physically impressive Juan Peron in David Brummel, and the cynical and irony-laced Che of John Herrera, the musical failed to excite or move me.

The score is brash and brassy and offers some of Andrew Lloyd Webber's and Tim Rice's more complex work. The songs aren't just laid onto the plot, they are the plot—from Evita's first meeting with Peron, "I'd Be Surprisingly Good for You," to the stirring national anthem, "A New Argentina." Later, as the power behind the throne, though most often well in front of it—Evita herds the people into her fold with "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina."

Infectious, Latin-flavored arias continue with Evita's plan to captivate Europe ("High Flying Adored") the revelation of her false-front charitable foundation "And the Money Kept Rolling In" and her physical collapse, death at 33, and canonization by her people ("Santa Evita").

In a score of 30 musical numbers, Sal Mistretta sets the satiric tone with his salacious crooning of "On This Night of a Thousand Stars." When the illegitimate, power-driven Evita finally sleeps her way up the ladder to Peron's bedroom, she must first dispose of his current childlike mistress. The rejected girl's philosophical acceptance, the show's sweetest melody, "Another Suitcase in Another Hall," is beautifully sung by Elisa Sagardia.

From time to time on opening night I missed entire lines of dialogue, due to a sound mix not yet fully focused. While the production struck intermittent sparks, it failed to ignite. I just didn't believe that the flag-waving, rag-tag Peronistas onstage really believed that Evita would lead them to a better life.

Evita continues at the Golden Gate Theatre through May 23. Call (415) 776-1999.

ON THE TOWN

In 1947 Leonard Bernstein, Jerome Robbins, Betty Comden and Adolph Green burst onto Broadway with an inspired, high-stepping, tuneful musical called *On the Town* (based on the ballet *Fancy Free*).

The story of three sailors on a 24-hour pass

chasing through the sights and sounds of Manhattan in search of Miss Turnstiles, this post-war musical was a rip-roaring success from the first notes of the exhilarating "New York, New York."

Good-natured and innocent, the musical is as fresh today as it was half a century ago, thanks to the direction and choreography of Gene Castle, Timothy Smith as Gaby, Jamie Torcellini as Chip and Craig Oldfather as Ozzie.

Chip meets up with cab driver and sailor-hungry Hildy (Patti Mariano) and is whisked up to her place where she sings, "I Can Cook, Too," even as he directs his attention to her other charms. Ozzie meets anthropologist Claire (Susan Hoffman) and promptly makes her forget she is engaged. Gaby falls for the poster photo of Miss Turnstiles, Ivy (Jane Lanier), and traces her to a vocal lesson with the alcoholic Madam Dilly (Nancy Jo Banko). "Sex and art don't mix," Dilly warns Ivy. "If they did I'd have been a star long ago." Gaby loses Ivy, combs the streets and nightclubs for her and finds her again as a Coney Island "cooch" dancer just as it's time to head back to the ship. Former SJCLO choreographer Smith dances and sings beautifully as Gaby.

Bernstein's score includes the gorgeous and classic "Lonely Town," sung by Gaby, and the sweet lament "Some Other Time," sung by Claire, Hildy, Ozzie and Chip.

It's a period musical and the dialogue's a bit dated, but that's part of the charm. Some of the musical numbers I liked even better in this version than in the original Broadway show. So much for nostalgia.

It's a fresh, sassy and brassy musical and that goes for Joe Ragey's sets, the fine musical direction of Barry Koron and Thomas G. Marquez's costumes (though any self-respecting sailor in 1947 would have had his "whites" tailored into sleek bellbottoms before setting foot ashore).

On the Town continues at the San Jose Civic Light Opera through May 23. Call (408) 971-1212.

BUBBE MEISES

Written and performed by an ingratiating Ellen Gould, *Bubbe Meises* (grandmother stories) in this case are the stories told to Gould by her own grandmothers, who fled political and religious persecution in turn-of-the-century Eastern Europe to find a new life in America.

Interweaving her stories with period songs (including some of her own composition), Gould relays the wit and wisdom of Bubbe Gittie, her radical-turned-philanthropist maternal grandmother, and Bubbe Annie, her Americanized grandmother who, speaking with the broad "a" of Massachusetts, encouraged her offspring to leave the nest and be somebody.

It is not surprising that many of the stories are moored in old wives' superstitions and oral recipes for warding off the evil eye, such as referring to an attractive child as a *meeskite*, "ugly one." Each tale is capped with a moral "so the entertainment should not be a total waste." One extended story has to do with a young girl's solo journey to America and the accompanying admonition not to remove the golden necklace from her neck for any reason. But she does, and when a poor young man returns the missing necklace to her with one link missing, a romantic adventure unfolds.

Gould sings 11 songs, among them the old favorite of Yiddish vaudeville, "Oy, How I Hate That Fella Nathan," a Scott Joplin rag (lyrics by Holly Gewandter and Ellen Gould), and another lovely song Gould wrote, "The Road I'm Taking."

I enjoyed myself thoroughly, as did some 200 others at the performance I attended.

Bubbe Meises, Bubbe Stories continues through May 23 at the Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St. Call (415) 433-9500.

THE ROYAL HUNT OF THE SUN

Rarely performed, Peter Shaffer's *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* has been given an opulent revival by TheatreWorks' director Robert Kelley.

Featuring a large Latino cast and starring Julian Lopez-Morillas as Pizarro, Spanish conqueror of the golden cities of the Incas, this visually impressive staging is more pageantry than blood-and-guts drama.

Troubled by his rape of an ancient and innocent civilization, Pizarro holds Inca king and "sun god" Atahualpa (Miguel Najera) prisoner with a promise to free him when a chamber is filled to the ceiling with gold. But when the ransom is completed, Pizarro is forced to the wall by his greedy soldiers, the self-serving Catholic clergy and the Spanish courtiers in his entourage, and he reneges on his promise. After Atahualpa, whom Pizarro has come to respect as a friend and fellow ruler, assures him that he cannot die but will rise again with each sunrise, Pizarro concedes to the Inca's death sentence.

As told in just short of three hours by a narrator who introduces a score of extended scenes, this enactment of the clash of two civilizations lacks dramatic focus. The man-to-man relationship of the conqueror to the conquered is the fascinating drama here—but visual pomp and tableaux diffuse the impact.

Handsome Inca temple sets are by Joe Ragey; lighting by John G. Rathman; costumes by Fumiko Bielefeldt; and haunting flute music by Nayo Ulloa.

The Royal Hunt of the Sun continues through May 23 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Call (415) 903-6000. ✿

classics

BY CHING CHANG

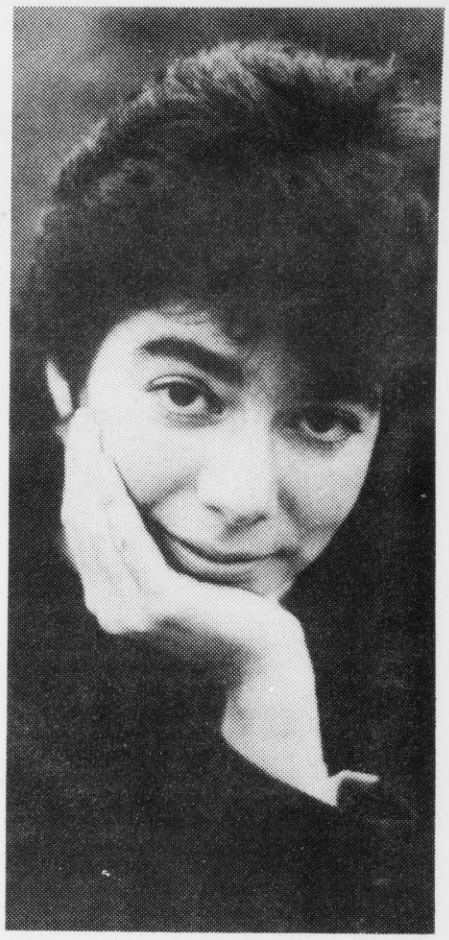
Miriam Abrams Resigns From The Women's Philharmonic

Women's Philharmonic co-founder and executive director Miriam Abrams has resigned after 12 years of service with the orchestra. Under her management, a modest regional enterprise has become an institution of national impact. Before the WP's final concert of the '92-93 season at Berkeley's Zellerbach Auditorium, Abrams was visibly emotional as she addressed the house for the last time. She spoke only a few words, but the audience cheered her wildly with an extended standing ovation.

The concert went on, though, and music made the rest of the evening. Conductor JoAnn Falletta took the podium to lead the world premiere of Cindy Cox's *Cathedral Spires*, an unusual collection of sound effects in four movements, scored for a full orchestra. Winner of the WP's firs. Commissioning Competition, Cox is unafraid of making big statements, exploiting every possible sonority imaginable. Even though a lot of it sounds like has-been-experimented-with experimental music, she makes some of the most interesting textural uses of sound I've heard recently. Her use of the piano as an orchestral instrument was particularly effective, as was the brass in the second movement. The relentless strings' *glissandi*, though, made me feel seasick after a while.

Then, writer Ursula Le Guin and composer Elinor Armer were the featured narrators in Armer's *The Great Instrument of the Geggerets*, based on Le Guin's text. The performance piece is the third part (and the second full-orchestra work) of a fanciful suite called *Uses of Music in Uttermost Parts*, and is descriptive of an imaginary archipelago where music materializes into everything its people need: food, water, roads, weaving. The text is rich in colorful narrative, well matched with the playful and inventive style of Armer's composition.

After intermission, the Oakland Symphony Chorus appeared on stage with the WP's brass to perform Lili Boulanger's beautiful *Psalm 24*, honoring her birth centennial. Born into a musical family, Lili Boulanger had premonitions of death



which compelled her to become a composer at an early age. At 16 she attended the Paris Conservatory, and before her death at age 24, she had become the first woman in Europe to win several prizes in composition. Her *Psalm 24* is delicate yet determined, joyous and introspective, and deeply intriguing to a listener even on first hearing. One can only ponder what this woman would have to say to the world had she been allowed to reach old age.

The vibrancy of yet another young woman closed the season, as 16-year-old pianist Emily Hsieh took the stage as the soloist in Amy Beach's *Piano Concerto in C sharp minor, Op. 45*. Composed in 1897, the work isn't exactly innovative for the time. But it is so lusciously gorgeous and filled with savourable romantic melody, that Hsieh had the time of her life playing it. An accomplished pianist herself, Beach's concerto shows how much of a pianist's composer she was, with the cascading scales, bravura cadenzas, and the lilting right-hand melodies.

The romantic sound is possibly the WP's most valuable asset. No other orchestra seems to be able to pull it off with the tasteful balance of aesthetics and self-indulgence this stuff requires. Gifted Emily Hsieh played with electrifying conviction and surprising solidity of tone and volume. Her interpretation was certainly very mature, but she failed to add new interpretational dimensions which could have made the performance unique and individual. But she, of course, still has her entire life to do it.

THE NEXT SEASON

The WP has announced its '93-94 season, and it looks like an oasis amid the blandness of the offerings that have been announced for next season. The post-Abrams era of the orchestra will open on Oct. 2, at Zellerbach Auditorium, featuring cellist Nyna Fyer and a Klezmer band, starting off a season of international music under JoAnn Falletta. Premieres through the season will include Shulamit Ran's *Fantasy for Cello and Orchestra*, Carolyn Yarnell's *L* and Teresa Carreno's *String Quartet*. Other works include *Bacewicz Overture* by Gabriela Ortiz Elegia, and Lindsay Cooper's *Songs for Bassoon*. Music by men will be performed also, as in Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, Janacek's *Sinfonietta*, and Alberto Ginastera's *Piano Concerto*. Call the WP at (415) 543-2297 for info and brochures. ✿

SMART WOMEN, RADICAL VOICES

Thursday, June 3, 8 pm—Co-Ownership of Property Workshop.
Attorneys **Kim Harmon** and **Meriel Lindley** present an evening workshop about co-ownership of goods in same-sex relationships.
Special for Pride Month. $3-$10; no one turned away.

Thursday, June 10, 8 pm—Ronnie Gilbert discusses her new book on ***Mother Jones,*** and explains why it's time to take another look at this historical woman. $3-$10; no one turned away.

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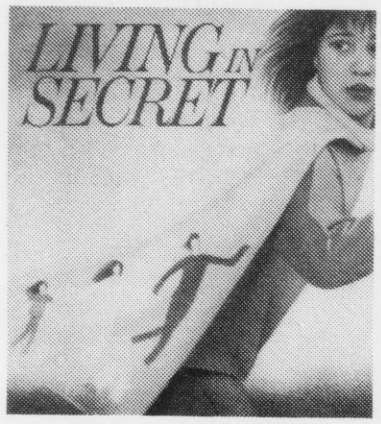


Reviewed by Katherine Gleason

Cristina Salat has tackled some challenging themes for middle grade readers in her first novel, *Living in Secret*. Eleven-year-old Amelia agrees to run away from her father's house with her mother and her mother's girlfriend, Janey. Amelia has lived with her father since she was six, when he was awarded custody of her by the court. Although she has only been able to spend limited time with her mother since then, she eagerly participates in her mother's plan.

With a ticket under an assumed name and a black wig on her head, Amelia flies with Janey to San Francisco to start a new life. Her mother, who has stayed home in New York to throw her ex-husband off the scent, joins them in California after two months. While waiting for her mother's arrival, the novelty of living as a fugitive begins to wear off.

Although Amelia is charmed by her college-student tutor, Anne Wong, she longs for the companionship that school used to bring. She has made one friend, Elizabeth, an African-American girl whom she meets at the public library. But Amelia's need to keep secrets impinges on their relationship and Elizabeth fears that her new friend's less than straightforward behavior stems from racism.

Amelia is a likable character. Sometimes she seems an unusually good sport about her atypical situation. She does complain some, saying, "I wish he [daddy] could agree to my living with Mom and Janey so we could quit hiding and just do things like everybody else," and she cries, but she seems to genuinely accept her new life and her mom's status as a lesbian.

The scenes with Janey's and Mom's gay friends are treated quite matter of factly. Amelia is even secure enough to ponder her own sexuality. About boys she writes: "I like the idea of kissing them. And I guess I wouldn't mind getting married and having babies someday as long as my husband and I liked each other and never got divorced. So maybe I'm straight." Then she continues: "And I think I like the idea of kissing girls too. (Maybe I just like the idea of kissing!) Cloey, Jeremy's girlfriend, is very pretty. Sometimes I think about her before I go to sleep. I wouldn't mind being like my mom and Janey with her.... So maybe I'm gay."

Eventually, with the aid of a private detective, Amelia's father tracks her down and forces her back to New York. Upon her return, Amelia realizes she has grown up a lot. Despite many imagined difficulties, she decides to support her mother's legal battle for custody.

While Amelia's voice is authentic and believable, as a kid I was always troubled by stories recounted in both the first person and in the present tense. I would wonder, is she writing this down as she is doing it? Is she talking to herself while all the story action is going on?

Despite any slight awkwardness the use of the present tense generates, *Living in Secret* is a fun read. It has enough adventure to keep a kid reading while it covers issues—homophobia, racism, child-napping, and what it means to be a family—in an easily digestible way. This book will be welcomed by children growing up in gay families. At the same time, *Living in Secret* is accessible enough for children of straight parents. ✿

Tom of Finland: His Life & Times

By F. Valentine Hooven III
St. Martin's Press, 1993

Reviewed by Michael Ward

Few people have been able to claim they have altered the face of an entire culture through their work. And those who have seldom bring attention to themselves or the event they created that set the standard for generations to come.

Such is the case of erotic artist Tom of Finland.

Just take a glance at the average masculine gay male (i.e. South of Market Levi-Leather-Uniform type) and you will see the echoes and reverberations of Tom's work being mimicked—no, lived—in front of you.

F. Valentine Hooven III's *Tom of Finland: His Life & Times*, the soon-to-be released biography of this illustrious man, examines the life of this icon of gay erotica with the same painstaking detail that Tom puts into the men from his pen, and includes many illustrations and photos of the legend and his legacy.

Hooven quotes Tom—actually Touko Laaksonen—as saying, "I wouldn't mind being known as the Norman Rockwell of gay erotica!" Many would agree he has exceeded that. Unfortunately, Hooven's alternately pedantic and pedestrian writing won't allow him to be known as the Norman Mailer of gay biographical literature.

Fortunately, Hooven's subject provides what turns out to be the best writing throughout this otherwise dry and tedious biography, with a generous smattering of quotes throughout that reveals the soft-spoken, modest man behind the myth.

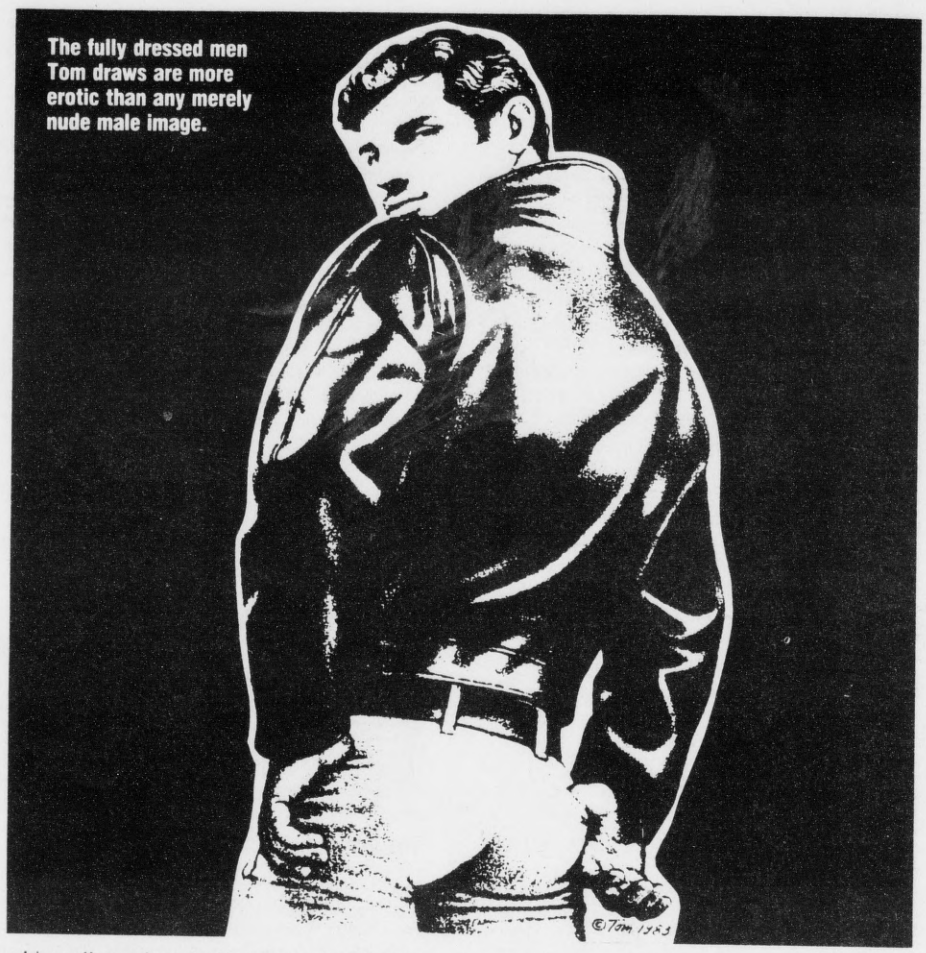
Perhaps Hooven's most creative writing appears in the very beginning of this work: "[T]he neighborhood where Tom grew up was more country than town, a checkerboard of fields of wheat and rye alternating with woods of fir and birch. Fields meant farmers and woods meant lumberjacks. From the start, Tom was among the sort of men he would never tire of depicting in his art."

From this point on, the work dissolves into what appears to be, in style and structure, a graduate paper, completed without capturing the flavor or air of the artist or the art. This proves frustrating to the reader, as the subject matter and his discipline are worthy of a more lively recollection.

Tom's early subjects and fantasies did, indeed, evolve directly from the healthy country he grew up in. Speaking of a healthy young farm hand nearby, Tom recounts his first inklings of the eroticism of the semi-naked male form:

> I can remember my first infatuation for one of those guys. He was short but very muscular and his name, Urho, was very appropriate because it means "hero" in Finnish. Although I didn't have the foggiest idea then why I was so fascinated with him, I can remember hiding in the bushes on summer afternoons to watch him, naked to the waist, working in wheat.

Men involved with physical activity always caught his eye, as he goes on to explain: "I was always attracted to the men of action. My father was not a real man in my eyes, though he was really very handsome—and very well hung—but he wore a white collar and worked indoors using his mind rather than his body..."



The fully dressed men Tom draws are more erotic than any merely nude male image.

As those of us who have perused his works over the last four decades can attest, the body is Tom's drawing board.

An accomplished pianist, Tom debated whether to pursue music or art. To appease his parents—who wanted their son to go into a steady, principled trade—and form some sort of compromise, he began studying advertising, a respectable middle-class career that allowed him to develop and discipline his artistic skills.

Years later, Tom became an executive with a major Finnish advertising firm that handled many international accounts aimed at the Finnish market. Among these were General Motors, and, as Tom specialized in illustrating people, he was to create Finnish families for the products. However, Tom was pulled off of the accounts of most of the U.S. companies' advertising campaigns, as it seemed the families he drew for the ads contained daddies that were entirely too sexy.

Many lovers of Tom's work are familiar with the military themes found in many of his illustrations. These were not created purely out of fantasy, but out of some of Tom's own personal experiences as a lieutenant in Finland's armed forces.

From the beginning, Tom refers to his illustrations as his "dirty drawings," believing even until late in his career they were not worthy of being considered art. Hooven remarks, "Deliberately, Tom avoids creating men who are Art. Tom's men are not nude, but *naked*, and usually only semi-naked at that...." Expounding upon that, Tom states, "I almost never draw a completely naked man. He has to have at least a pair of boots on. To me, a fully-dressed man is more erotic than a naked one."

Perhaps the greatest legacy left by this cultural giant is that his work has always conveyed a healthy attitude about homosexuality, a sex-positive charge found in all he does. Why? He answers:

> In those days ('40s & '50s), a gay man was made to feel nothing about his feelings and his sexuality. I wanted my drawings to counteract that, to show gay men being happy and positive about who they were. But I knew—right from the start—that *my* men were going to be proud and happy men!

Proud, happy, hot and horny!

No single artist has influenced the fashion and outlooks of a culture as has Tom and his seemingly hyper-masculine muscled gods. Yet look around you. And then look at the myriad of masterful illustrations found in this book. Then you will see—even in some of his works from the '40s and '50s—how he indeed created the look of generations to come.

Tom of Finland: His Life & Times contains many reproductions of those men who've fueled our fantasies, Tom's Men. And the Tom of Finland fan will find this biography fairly and unfailingly thorough. However, the writing comes nowhere near matching its subject in interest and intrigue and, as a result, is a difficult piece to recommend. There are two video works currently in release that capture the master and his work in a more interesting light: the American video *Boots, Biceps, and Bulges* and the more recent and more sensual *Daddy and the Muscle Academy* from Finnish director Ilppo Pohjola, which was, interestingly enough, financed by the government of Finland!

Buy it for the plentiful passionate pictures? Yes! But if so, somehow set aside the time and make yourself sit through the writing to find out more about the modest man behind the cocky men. And spend your own evening with Tom. ✿

The Man Behind the Myth

by Michael Ward

Very seldom in our lives do we cross the path of someone who changes the course of history, whether it be artistic, literary, geographical, or what have you. And very rarely do we have the chance to spend a moment with one of these cultural icons. In the mid-1980s one such figure strolled across not only my path, but the threshold of the abode my former lover Keith and I shared.

Keith informed me that some friends of his from Europe would be staying with us briefly during, I believe, the week of New Year's Eve. He had met the men in New York when he was deeply involved in the S/M circuit of the Big Apple. In

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GAY RODEO?

JUST SAY NO!

"Women should not rodeo any more than men can have babies. Women were put on this earth to reproduce, and are close to animals. Women's liberation is on an equal to gay liberation—they are both ridiculous."

—A rodeo steer wrestler as quoted in Rodeo: An Anthropologist Looks at the Wild and the Tame, by Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence (U. of Tennessee Press, 1982)

Lasso the Rodeo

"The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association has organized a 'gay rodeo' for later this month. We think this is a bad idea. Rodeos are cruel to animals and any sensitive gay man or lesbian should think twice before attending this event....

AIDS organizations, which are in desperate need of funding, have been designated as beneficiaries and are to receive proceeds from this event. We encourage these groups to reconsider accepting those funds.

Gays and lesbians, who have been oppressed throughout history perhaps more than any other group of people, have a special sensitivity to mistreatment. That sensitivity should translate into compassion for all animals. We should refuse to take part in their oppression."

—from "Lasso the Rodeo,"

an editorial in the San Francisco *Bay Area Reporter*, 7/2/92

"Kindness and compassion toward all living things is a mark of a civilized society. Conversely, cruelty, whether it is directed against human beings or against animals, is not the exclusive province of any one culture or community of people.

Racism, economic deprival, dog fighting and cock fighting, bullfighting and rodeos are cut from the same fabric: violence.

Only when we have become nonviolent toward all life will we have learned to live well ourselves."

—Cesar Chavez, the late president of the United Farm Workers, in a letter to Action for Animals, Dec. 26, 1990

THERE WILL BE A PEACEFUL ANTI-RODEO DEMONSTRATION AT THE GAY RODEO AT THE SF COW PALACE, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 22 & 23, 10:30 AM. INFO: ACTION FOR ANIMALS, PO BOX 20184, OAKLAND, CA 94620; TEL. (510) 652-5603.
Make your concerns about animal abuse/exploitation known to the GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION/BAY CHAPTER, PO Box 14398, SF, CA 94114; tel. (415) 985-5200. ACTION FOR ANIMALS urges a boycott of *all* rodeos. Donations to help pay for this ad would be much appreciated.

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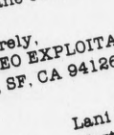

JUST SAY NO!

February 17, 1993

The Honorable Carole Migden
Board of Supervisors
City Hall
400 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Carole Migden,

We appeal to you as the Bay Area's most visible leader of lesbian/gay/bisexual people. We appeal as well to your sense of justice.

The presence of a Gay Rodeo in the Bay Area is an outrage to many of us who have spent our lives in the ranks of the lesbian/gay/bisexual and women's movement fighting for freedom and self-determination. The fact that San Francisco, named for the patron saint of animals, was host last year to a Gay Rodeo not only embarrasses and offends us but heightens our determination not to let such an event happen again.

- Because rodeos, however "humane," often injure farm animals and cause fear, pain and stress on the part of these animals,
- Because every major animal welfare/rights organization, national or local, philosophically opposes rodeos because of their inherent cruelty,
- Because there are alternatives to the celebration of the culture of the West that do not involve the abuse of animals,
- Because we are a community of compassionate people to whom the domination of any group of beings by any other is unconscionable, particularly for purposes of "entertainment,"

We therefore urge you

- To refuse any use of your name, your office, or your efforts in the support of the Gay Rodeo planned for Spring 1993, and
- To use your name, your office, and your efforts to convince the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association to cancel the rodeo and to find another more productive and humane outlet for their energies.

Sincerely,
FEMINISTS AGAINST RODEO EXPLOITATION (FARE)
PO Box 2354, SF, CA 94126

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cc: Members of San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Mayor Frank Jordan; Potential AIDS organization beneficiaries; Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual press; Concerned activists

NOTE: Supervisor Carole Migden was Grand Marshal for the 1992 Bay Area Gay Rodeo. That role, unfortunately, will be filled by gay sailor Keith Meinhold this year. They both could use a bit of consciousness-raising.

(A letter sent to the various San Francisco Bay Area AIDS support organizations, Jan. 21, 1993)

We recently received from the office of San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden a list of AIDS support organizations which were to have been beneficiaries of the 1992 SF Gay Rodeo. Your organization was on the list. As you probably know, the 1992 event lost a reported $35,000, and thus no organizations received any financial return from the rodeo. Such losses suggest (and we believe it is true) that there are concerns in the lesbian/gay/bisexual community about animal welfare that kept spectators away from the event.

We feel that a rodeo is an inappropriate means of raising money for worthwhile causes. Based as it is on the abuse and/or exploitation of unconsenting "farm" animals, a rodeo celebrates the very values that have oppressed and dehumanized lesbian/gay/bisexual people for centuries. It is particularly offensive that a rodeo should take place in San Francisco, a city named for the patron saint of animals.

WE THEREFORE URGE YOU NOT TO SUPPORT IN ANY WAY THE 1993 GAY RODEO, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR THE COW PALACE, MAY 21-23. WE FURTHER ASK THAT YOU REFUSE ANY MONIES WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED BY THIS EVENT.

Every major animal welfare/rights organization, both national and local, is philosophically opposed to rodeos because of their inherent cruelty. Even when the animals are not injured (and they often are), they still suffer from the fear and the pain involved in the events and from the stress of travel in crowded, ill-ventilated trucks, sometimes without proper food, water or veterinary care. We find such practices in the name of "entertainment" unjustifiable and an offense not only to the nonhuman animals involved, but to the sense of dignity of any sentient being.

The Gay Rodeo is to be commended for having some humane guidelines. Nevertheless, we are convinced that a truly "humane" rodeo is an impossibility. We are also concerned about the potential for human injuries, but at least the cowboys and cowgirls have a choice in the matter. The unwilling nonhuman animals do not.

There are more compassionate and life-affirming ways to raise funds for worthy causes like your own, events which neither harm nor terrorize animals. And surely in a community of oppressed people compassion for other animals should be a high priority.

We hope you will give this matter your serious consideration. If you agree with our position, we'd further appreciate your signing the enclosed short form stating your opposition to the gay rodeo and returning it to us at the above address.

Should you have questions or should you wish to discuss the issues in more depth, please call us at (510) 652-5603.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Richard Avanzino, President, San Francisco SPCA
Virginia Handley, Coordinator, The Fund for Animals
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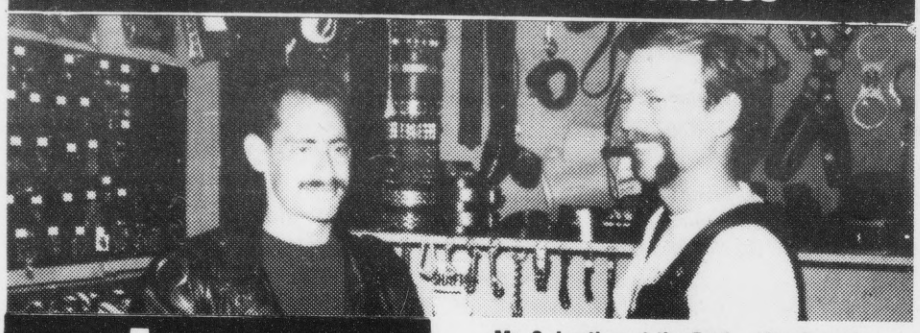


Mr. S. Leather at the Eagle—Sergio and Steve, "at your service." Photo by Rink

by st. clair adams

Safety in Play Land

There have been an increasing number of private sex and J/O parties, as well as bookstores and various other types of clubs offering private adult activities in the Bay Area. I feel that these places offer a safer haven for those who wish to engage in anonymous sex somewhere other than a back alley or a park. I don't think the public could argue that this helps to ensure that they won't have to walk into an embarrassing situation. Another benefit of these clubs is that they can promote safer sex by offering education and condoms and monitoring activities. I am not saying that sex clubs are for everyone, but they definitely serve a purpose.

My concern is for the safety of the attendees. Some clubs are not up to fire and health codes, endangering patrons as well as damaging the reputations of other clubs that are of legitimate standards. If the fire and health departments get upset with a few of these clubs, they could choose to close them all down. This action would not serve any purpose, but would put us back on the street in an unsafe and hostile environment. We need to find out which of these clubs are the culprits and put pressure on them ourselves before the City gets involved.

One particular establishment stands out as a role model: Blow Buddies is very well organized and is a safe and erotic heaven for men. The staff is constantly cleaning, always checking for safety hazards, checking to make sure attendees are members, always watchful for bashers. They also make sure that you are aware of the safe sex policies and follow them. Another good club to mention is The Academy, which has a different style, but is just as well run. There are many other good clubs in the Bay Area, and if you are a patron of them, check them out for yourself and determine if you feel that they meet the standards.

CONSTANTINES EVERYWHERE

The Constantines hosted a beer bust at the Eagle on Sunday, May 9, and the beer wouldn't stop flowing. Chili dogs were on the menu and a packed house enjoyed eating them. It was a hot day, and many people wore very little—and some even took off what little they had on (still remaining ABC legal, I might add). Summer is here, and it looks like it's going to be an action-packed one. See you on the party front.

The Towandas atop Twin Peaks. Photo by St. Clair

THE GREAT SCAVENGER HUNT

On the weekend of May 7-8, the Castro Lions put on a scavenger hunt. Thirty-one scavengers participated in a hunt for some of the most obscure things I have seen on a scavenger list. Some of the 102 items included: Law enforcement personnel, someone with a b-day of May 7-9, a person 6'3" or taller in stockinged feet, an SF native, a speeding ticket, a grade card from high school, and a pair of high heels (1 point extra for highest heel). The most impressive item found was a colossal-sized dildo (about 23" high and 15" round). The grand prize goes to the Towanda group Jan Sibley, Marilyn Kuhn and Steve Sanders, with best 3-4 to SF Bassus, best 2 to Mike & Ross, and Best 1 to Steve Daynes of the AIDS Emergency Fund. A lot of fun was had by all. Good job Castro Lions, and thanks to Tom Rogers for all of the hard work he puts in!

GOLDEN GATE GUARDS

On Sunday, May 23, join San Francisco bike club The Golden Gate Guards for a beer bust at the Eagle. I know you will enjoy the food that the Guards serve, because they have the best food on their annual runs. A fun club to party with and personal friends of mine.

Another beer bust at the Eagle is on Sunday, May 30, hosted by the Golden State Peace Officers. I love a man in a uniform—maybe I might even get a date. (They even have some good looking women in the group as well.)

DESERT LEATHER FEST

I could not have asked for a better weekend than this last one for Leather Fest. The theme of the event was "A Desert Storm" and there was a big one ordered up just within hours of the first event. There was lightning and thunder, then rain which gave a dramatic kick-off to the event. The temperature was in the 90s with plenty of warm sun for pool lounging. Approximately 250 out-of-town guests stayed at many of the guest houses and host resorts. The bars were packed with some of the hottest bodybuilders I have seen in a long time. Terry Foster gave one of the most energetic performances that I have ever seen her perform. Tom Ammiano and the Boys from Sacramento also gave their best to make the weekend an entertaining one. Wolfs, Desert Palms Inn and Street Bar were absolutely wonderful in preparing their bars and following through without a hitch, and I commend their support. I would also like to thank the Palm Springs Gay Tourism Council for their support along with Camp Palm Springs, the Avanti and the Casa Bella for their participation as host resorts. Three of the hardest working volunteers were Jerry Wayne (founding member of CCMC), Steve Miller (Knights of Malta) and Scott Piscatello (general tramp), for they worked every hour on events without a break. The workshops that were given included a flogging demo by Brian Dawson (Mr. Drummer '89), Violet Ray Machinery "electricity" by Donny Rice (EROTEC), with additional demos of hot wax, more flogging and mummification. A nice selection of leather crafts were offered by nine professional crafts vendors. A very different crowd to cater to, but most all seem to be having a good time. All in all a very satisfying and successful weekend.

NIGHTS TO REMEMBER

Tuesday night is Red Hanky night' at the Jackhammer. Happy hour prices for wearing a red hanky.

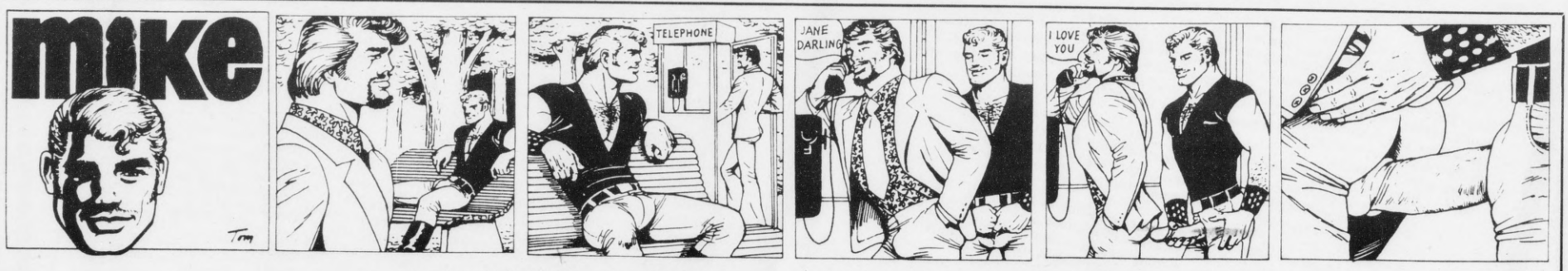
Tuesday night is Skivvies night at the Headquarters. First drink free and happy hour prices for anyone wearing their underwear.

Every other Wednesday night is the Great Buns contest at the Eagle.

Wednesday is Bare Chest night at Headquarters. First drink free and happy hour prices for a bare chest.

Every other Thursday night is the Bare Chest contest at the Eagle.

Friday night is beer bust night at the Bear on Castro, all the bottles or draft you can drink for $7. Check out Officer Betty working on Monday and Wednesday at the Bear. ✿



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addition to his two friends, he told me our other guest would be none other than the legendary Tom of Finland.

Of course I didn't have to say, "Tom *who* of Finland." I, like many millions of gay men the world over, had admired, and, yes, even fantasized over Tom's Men. I had no idea what to expect. What could he look like, this man who has created the definitive hyper-masculine, happily gay sexual male? The anticipation was nearly overwhelming, as I tried creating in my mind scenarios of what this evening would be like, displays of man-on-man-on-man-on-man-on-man fuck-action that would have made him very proud.

However, I knew my then-lover would not approve. Thank the gods and goddesses for the realm of fantasy!

After much imaginative waiting, the moment finally arrived. Naturally he was escorted by two generic, non-specific Tom of Finland look-alike leather hunks, both from Scandinavia. Perhaps former modeling subjects for his work? Could be. Behind these Nordic gods came a rather small, unassuming older gentleman in his leather jacket, the sort of man you would see along the edges of a beer bust at The Eagle, an older, modest, compact, gentle daddy type. Not a vision from his drawings at all, yet, because of such, more intriguing.

A humble man, he cloaked himself from outside influence, perhaps just the standard protective mechanism all of us employ upon first introductions, or a mixture of that along with ancestral manners. Though he remained guarded, can you guess what the most notable feature of this legend was?

Of course! His eyes. Always absorbing every detail around him, eyes that have seen much and so want to show the world the vistas and visions viewed over an amazing lifetime. And with his eyes, he tried to envision everything I said to him, soaking in the details between the lines of the words that clumsily tried to convey sites, sights, and situations I aspired to share.

We had a pleasant visit, and, after our guests settled in and relaxed a bit, we ventured off to dinner at a Mexican restaurant in San Diego's historic Old Town District. Though it was winter—which to our guests meant bundled layers of insulating clothing—we sat at a table on the patio in the near-tropical environs. Though relatively warm during this time of year, there was a heater right near our table that took the chill off of the winds that drifted in from the nearby Pacific.

Tom asked—through a captivatingly accented utilization of a language I took for granted—what I recommended from the fare offered. The entrees were ordered as was, of course, a platter of nachos and a round of margaritas, which were amazingly served in stemware that roughly assumed the proportions of a bird-bath. In fact, Tom made the allusion and illusion to the bird-bath cocktails during our languorous feast. Tom and I seemed the only two willing to brave the effects and affects of drinking two of these oversized ornithological glasses of adult liquid libation.

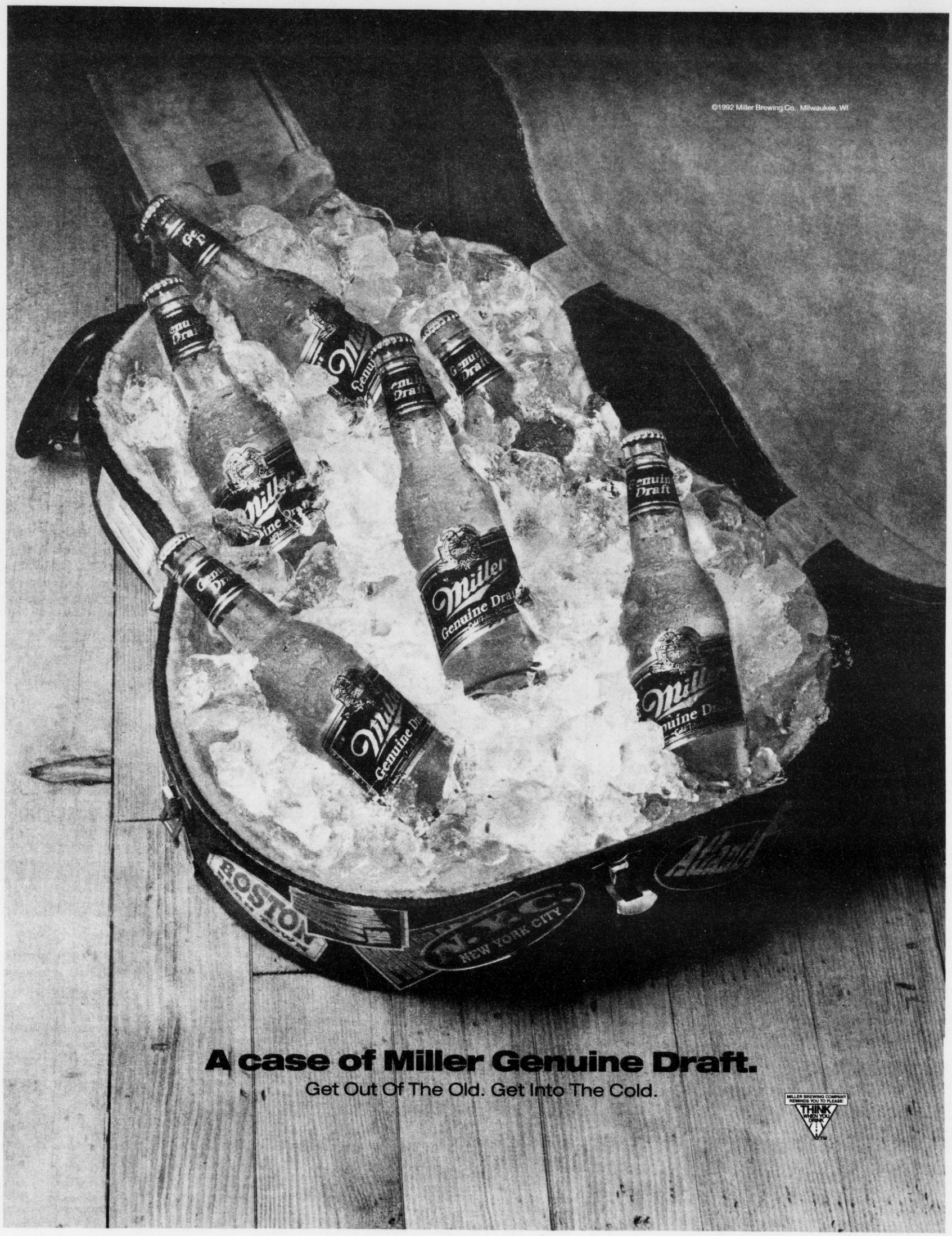
With said amount of tequila flowing through our systems—enough to send a frenzied flock of flamingos accidently flying to the frigid polar regions—Tom's former protective barriers dissolved, seemingly with each sip of his second drink, and a mischievous little-boy grin opened upon his lips and sparkled within the depths of his bottomless blues. More spicy food and equally seasoned conversation flowed, eventually pouring and dissolving into the favorite subjects of all in attendance. Leather and men.

Once home, we saw the two generic non-specific Tom's Men look-alikes to their room and headed back to the living room to open the leather sleeper sofa for Tom. He insisted no fuss should be made for him, he could just sleep on the couch as it was. We insisted he be comfortable, and finally he resigned himself to just that. After taking his boots off, he hugged me goodnight, and, next to my 6'5" frame—actually 6'8" in boots—I realized how compact this man was. His breath mingled with the redolence of nicotine, tequila, and Mexican food as he fondly kissed me, then my lover, goodnight.

We toddled off to our room, and, after tucking ourselves in, we over-heard the two Scandinavian gods' rapid-rabid-rabbit lovemaking in a foreign—though universal—language, transpiring in the guest room. Which, of course, led to Keith and I performing the opera—in English—in our room. And probably to one helluva fantasy for Tom!

Morning broke quickly, and with it the business of readying to see our guests off. Not much one for goodbyes, I told Tom and our guests, "See you later," in true hopes that I would indeed.

Looking back on this all-too-brief visit with this legend, the most amazing thing I gleaned was how modest a man can be in light of his historical impact on a culture and the world of erotic art, and how truly warm—though initially slightly reserved—and unassuming he was. ✿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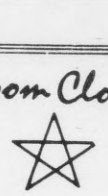

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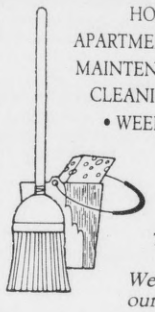

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I: 29 y.o. soft butch seeks same to laugh with and share a bowl of chicken soup at the neighborhood kosher deli. That's after an evening of watching our favorite program while we are perched atop my comfortable double bed. My mom would be proud of me. Call ★★6317.

Where Are You, Idgie Threadgood?
Tall, collegiate bottom, 25, with some serious curves, seeks beecharmer with a quick smile, shining eyes, a sense of humor, and a butch or androgynous look. This laughing Amazon will romance you like no one else can, and I'll even wrestle with you, laughing all the way. I give good letter, so write me, dear heart, and include a picture. Women of all colors respond! PO Box 9151, Oakland 94613 or call ★★6318.

Sage Essence Twin
Wanted by 3rd level old (lesbian) server. Michael says you're here. Other Michael students and metaphysical dykes also welcome to respond for fun, frolic and serious discourse on this and other lifetimes. Reply BT Box MY6B.

Weekend Buddies Wanted
Looking for friends to hang out with on the weekends, take trips out of the city, go to movies, plays, galleries, wander the Castro, go dancing, etc. I'm looking for women who are 30+, communicate easily and value friendship. No heavy alcohol or drugs. Call ★★6319.

Not looking for a relationship—just sex. That's right—just sex. I don't care what you look like as long as it's not repulsive. How much or how little you make doesn't concern me. I'm attractive but not perfect. I don't have time for a relationship and I'm not emotionally available. Safe sex is a must. Call ★★6320.

The Bottom Line Is
I'm looking for a woman who is self-aware, passionate, 40-55, slender, attractive, sexual and ready for a long-term relationship. I'm dynamic, emotionally expressive, physically fit, self-assured, thoughtful and sensitive. A mental health professional who enjoys athletics, film, outdoor adventuring, theater, arts and music. Pluses are SF resident, emotional growth work, expressive of feelings and affection, romantic nature, lover of life. Reply BT Box MY7B or call ★★6321.

Looking For Daddy!
Or mistress, master, etc.... Whatever you identify as. I believe passionate, adventurous sex—with SM/BD being a large part of it—can be found within a monogamous, long-term relationship based on honesty, respect, chemistry and compatibility. I'm 20something, weight proportionate to 5'4" height, brown eyes/short hair, androgynous/soft butch looking (I guess?), and mostly bottom. You: lesbian, top or switch, butch, femme, or anything in between, 20-45. Let's get together and see what else we have in common. Call ★★6322.

No Fatphobics
I'm a 41-yr-old fat (400#s ±), white, wuss butch, with a preference for do-me queens. I'm interested in meeting sluts who are secure enough about their sexuality/life to talk and/or write about it honestly, friends as well as potential lovers. Women interested in preserving their classism or fatphobia need not respond. I do not impose weight, age or race restrictions on the women I choose to let enter my heart, body or life. Those who use fatphobic restrictions such as slim, thin, trim, athletic, fit, attractive, weight portioned to height, no heavies, etc., can go #@%! yourselves; you do anyway. Reply BT Box MY8B or call ★★6323.

D., You Let Me
When I asked and gave me more than I ever knew was possible. You've made me your: wife, friend, partner, lover, whore, slave and little girl—your femme! I promise that every day I'll show you how precious you are to me. You've melted the ice princess and made me safe. Thank you, my dearest. I love you. —N. Call ★★6324.

I Love The Summer
Looking for some fun and adventure on these summer nights. 34, tall, slender, attractive and artistic GWF, warm-hearted and intelligent, conscious but not rigid, tender and strong. I have a passion for tall, long-haired, feminine women, 30-38, who are comfortable with commitments, are strong, loving and playful, value communication, emotional honesty, humor and intimacy. Call ★★6325.

Intellectual Wanted
Do you exist or are you only a fantasy? Are you an intellectual, rational, nonconformist, nonprovincial, playful, liberal, attractive, "soft butch" in her 40s or 50s, who knows where and who she is, can care about others and would be interested in a LTR with a lover of French, Spanish, movies, animals, travel, Virginia Woolf, wine, not Coke, with dinner and an occasional cigarette? If so, call ★★6326.

Summer Nights
Can be exciting when shared with the right person. This 43 GWF who is interesting, fun, zoftig, sensitive and caring, with a well-developed sense of humor, hopes to find that special person who is ready for romance. I am an East Bay professional woman on the femme side, attractive, charming and, as my mother says, "Really keen." I am attracted to other GWF around the same vintage, femme-ish, slender-ish, and who can communicate openly & honestly, with a connection between their feelings & intellect. If you have an appreciation for humor, upbeat thinking and wish to explore the possibilities of winter nights and more, please respond. Please, no smokers, drinkers, drugs, etc. East Bay preferred. Call ★★6327.

Share My Dreams
This emotionally and financially stable professional woman seeks same to share days on the beach, nights by the fire, walks in Muir Woods and hikes on Mt. Tam. Write or call and express your dreams. Sense of humor and love of life a must. Reply BT Box MY9B or call ★★6328.

In Search Of A Partner
You are adventurous, can enjoy activities indoors and outdoors, are 12-step sensitive and sex-positive, in tune spiritually, in late-40s to early-50s. I am center to butch, 51 yrs. young, in recovery, spiritually evolving, believe in therapy, and looking forward to a caring, committed partnership with the right lesbian. Please no alcohol or drug users or S/M. Reply BT Box MY10B or call ★★6329.

The Mind Meets Shakti
Charming and creative psychologist wishes to share herself spiritually, sensually and intellectually with another lesbian doctor in the humanities field with creative interests. If you are between the ages of 35 and 43, are emotionally and spiritually aware and physically toned, let's talk over sushi! Reply BT Box MY11B or call ★★6330.

Romance
Professional, attractive, feminine, 32-year-old Black female seeks to meet attractive, drug-free, professional, weight-proportioned, lipstick feminine, sane female of any race for relationship or companionship purposes. No games; discretion if desired. Hobbies include traveling, photography, reading, poetry, cooking, stimulating fireplace discussion, walks on the beach, movies and the theater. Please respond if the above qualifications are met. Reply BT Box MY12B or call ★★6331.

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Where does one meet feminine, attractive, professional, sane and, most importantly, single, available gay women? I've tried BACW, the Cafe and even the Wildside. Maybe I've seen you, but I'm too shy to approach. Instead of enduring more uncomfortable bar situations, let's at least meet for an intelligent conversation. I'm a GWF, 30, attractive and only slightly neurotic. If the above sounds familiar, you fit the description and have a sense of humor about meeting strangers through the ads, give me a call. Please, no smokers (I'm reformed) or lesbians that use the word "dyke" as a term of endearment. Call ★★6332.

Witty, Winsome And Wise
I am: 43 (a spiritual culmination year), fancy-free (a never-say-never disposition), nonjudgmental, non-fanatic (What's worth getting all in an uproar?). I like others who are witty, winsome and wise—light inebriants okay—masseuses and psychic pursuits especially prized. If I've known you in a past life, perhaps we'll improve our performance this time 'round. Care to chance it? Porque no? Call ★★6333.

How Do I Love Thee?
I worship your delectable body with massage, great sex and good home-cooked meals. I stimulate your soul with my sense of humor, my willingness to listen, and my ability to see your fullest potential. I surprise you with unusual presents, songs and silliness. I'm in my mid-30s, cute, sensitive and intelligent. If you don't smoke and do live in the City, reply BT Box MY13B or call ★★6334.

Whatever Happens, Happens
You can never have too many friends, and I'm always shopping for the future love of my life for a mutually satisfying LTR, so here's my ad! I'm open to all types of relationship possibilities (friends, lover, f---buddies, whatever) and chemistry determines the ramification of the relationship. I'm a single white female (psychopathic women looking for a roommate need not respond!), in my 20s, with a wide variety of interests. I enjoy spending time with all types of women and diversity is a real turn-on for me. Hope to talk to you! Call ★★6335.

Wanted: Rescue Me
I am in need of rescue from my real life, which is full, challenging and purposeful. I have diversity and variety yet I lack a rewarding personal relationship. I am adventurous, but remain relatively conservative. Although I own high heels, blue business suits and grungy jeans, I claim no commitment to any style. Care to rescue this attractive, African-American woman? Call ★★6336.

Please
Have a sense of humor, a dog, emotional maturity, height (over 5'5"), physical fitness, an adventurous spirit, love of the outdoors, a lesbian orientation, attractive feminine/androgynous looks and energy, a down-to-earth, mellow yet energetic, ambitious personality, be in your mid- to late-30s, a nonsmoker and a fun person. Cute, androgynous/soft butch type with a lot to offer interested in meeting new women for fun and possible LTR. Call ★★6337.

Dateless Wonder
I'm through with joking with friends about never going out on dates. It just isn't funny anymore. I'm 32, androgynous and into enjoying this wonderful city we call home. I'm very content with my life and the many escapades it includes, yet I know that to sometimes just nudge someone and say, "Isn't this great," would make it all the more enjoyable. Reply 2267 Market St., Box 118, SF 94114 or call ★★6338.

To Do List
Meet her... flirt, have sex, cuddle, more sex, cuddle, submit, cuddle, open up, cuddle, fist, cuddle, eating, cuddle, anal sex, cuddle, hard sex, cuddle, soft sex, cuddle, hot sex, cuddle, more, more, more luscious sex. And you??? Cute and playful femme bottom turning 50 with dark flirtatious eyes desires mature and responsible butch top with initiative. If you have the time and the talent... call me. Call ★★6339.

Friendships
I'm 32 y.o. and I'm always waking up. I'm waking this time to the fact I haven't enough friendships in my life. I enjoy walks, bike rides, talking, laughing, camping, swimming, dancing, hugging, playing guitar, etc. If you think you'd like to talk and see if we may engage in one or more of these activities or one or more of your choice, leave me a message. Thanks. Bye. Call ★★6340.

Come Walk With Me
My friends call me T.C. I am 5'15" tall, a woman of size shall we say. My interests are reading, music, massage, camping, all sports. I enjoy walking on rainbows & catching falling stars. My friends say I live a little too close to the edge at times. But the view is so wonderful out here. If you enjoy the arts, theater, ocean & moonlight walks along with wishing on falling stars, candlelight dinners with McDonald's hamburgers, feel your fears, take a chance, walk the edge of a rainbow with me, promise to hold you tight. Women of all races, ages, size & physically challenged who are into openness, honesty. Let's empower our women energy and share the excitement life has to offer us. Reply BT Box MY14B or call ★★6341.

Words Obfuscate Substance
Americans are (what is about to follow constitutes a very bold generalization) prone to valuing style over substance—form above content. This is fine for some—but someday I'll be dust and I cannot afford to maintain my benevolent arrogance any longer. I am a lesbian who is clearly on the edge of a great transition, seeking other like-minded women for friendship and warmth. Call ★★6342.

Dykes To Watch Out For

Apple Pie Order
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HERE'S ANOTHER SHIPMENT, THEA. I, UH... I REALLY LIKE THAT SCENT YOU'RE WEARING.
COMPACT DISCS
LADY SLIPPER
BETTY GET IT
GIRLS IN THE HOUSE
HUH? OH, YOU MUST SMELL THE FLEA AND TICK SHAMPOO I USED TO WASH THE DOG THIS MORNING. THANKS, I'LL PASS THAT ALONG TO REX.
HEY, LOOK! I JUST GOT BACK MY PICTURES OF D.C.!
THUNK
HERE'S ME AT THE DYKE MARCH WITH SOME COOL WOMEN I MET.
... AND HERE I AM GIVING A SAFE SEX DEMO AT THE LESBIANS AND AIDS ACTION.
... AND THIS IS ME BACK-STAGE AT THE RALLY. THAT'S MARTINA'S HEAD AND THAT'S MELISSA ETHERIDGE'S HAND ON MY THIGH.
JEEZ, LOIS! I DIDN'T EVEN SEE THE RALLY, THE MARCH TOOK SO LONG TO GET THERE. AND HOW'D YOU GET TO DO ALL THIS STUFF? I SPENT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND LOST ON THE METRO OR STANDING AROUND GETTING SKIN CANCER.
THAT'S NOT TRUE, MO! YOU ALSO SPENT A LOT OF TIME OBSESSING ABOUT WHETHER YOU'D RUN INTO HARRIET AND ELLEN DOING A SPONTANEOUS KISS-IN SOMEWHERE.
OH, RIGHT. :: SIGH :: REMEMBER? THAT'S HOW HARRIET AND I FIRST KISSED, DOING C.D. TOGETHER AT THE '87 MARCH.
JEEZ, THAT SEEMS LIKE AGES AGO. THINGS SURE HAVE CHANGED.
YEAH, AND NOT JUST MY LOVE LIFE. I KNOW THIS MARCH WAS EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THAN THE LAST ONE, BUT I FELT KIND OF LOST, SOMEHOW. I MEAN, BASEBALL, HOT DOGS, AND GAYS IN THE MILITARY IS NOT THE AGENDA I SIGNED UP FOR.
THE LESBIAN...
YUP. THE CROWD CHEERING PATRIOTICALLY FOR A MILITARY COLOR GUARD IN FULL DRESS UNIFORM WAS A LITTLE WEIRD.
WHY ARE WE SCRAMBLING FOR A PIECE OF THE PIE WHEN THE PIE IS ROTTEN? WE'VE GOTTA CHANGE THE SYSTEM, NOT GET CO-OPTED BY IT! AND I'M GONNA SCREAM IF I HEAR ONE MORE PERSON SAY WE'RE "JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!"
IMPACT DISC
HEY, LOOK AT THIS GREAT SHOT I GOT OF CLARICE AND TONI AT THE WEDDING.
DANG! I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BEST WOMAN, BUT I GOT OFF AT THE WRONG METRO STOP.

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Oakland Twosome
Male couple, black/white, early-40s, professionals, with creative bent, seeking other couples for friendship. We enjoy movies, theater, music, gardening, dinners, and outdoor activities. Reply BT Box MY600B or call ★★6396.

Travel Companion
GWF seeks GWF or GWM, 38-50, in good shape, that has time & $ to travel anywhere & everywhere from Canada to Mexico & all points in-between. 1, 2 or 3 weeks; also 3 or 4 day trips to Tahoe or Vegas. Looks & acts straight. Loves the woods & water, sun & beaches, camp or a nice hotel. Please be adventurous, kind & considerate and like to have fun. No cheapskates or druggies! 2261 Market St., #108, SF 94114 or call ★★6397.

Emanu-El
I'm looking for other lesbians and gay men who are members or attend services at Temple Emanu-El. There are a few of us who just want to connect, to know that we're not alone in the congregation. Maybe we could start a chavurah. Call ★★6398.

Camping Dykes Unite
Do you love the outdoors, hiking, canoeing, and spending time with fun women? Don't get to use your tent often enough? Your current girlfriend is a total city kid and thinks you're crazy to sleep on the ground? Well then, these dykes—and others like you—seek your company at our first camp-out! Call for info and add yourself to our sunny times. Beginners welcome! Call ★★6399.

Sport Bike Pilots
Small group of sport/sport touring motorcyclists seek other responsible, gay sport riders for early morning backroad forays. We are not into parking at the bar or posturing—just exploring some of the finest backroads California has to offer. Typical ride is approx. 200 miles. Call ★★6400.

Women Runners And Walkers
Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Reply BT Box MY601B or call ★★6401.

Classical Singers
Are you interested in rehearsing and performing with a musical, competent, experienced and personable accompanist/coach familiar with German, French, Italian vocal literature? As an experienced singer (any voice range), you should possess solid technique, knowledge of literature for your range and an ability to express yourself musically. My SF apt. or yours. Please leave name & number. Call ★★6402.

Chamber Music Player?
Pianist (GWM) and flutist (GAF) seeking string and woodwind players to join them in reading chamber music for duos, trios, quartets, etc., on Sunday afternoons in SF apt. We are advanced level players, good sightreaders, musical performers who also have fun playing. Seeking similar qualities in other musicians for playing and performing in informal "house recitals" for friends and acquaintances. Call ★★6403.

Sailor Seeks Crew
GWM, 40, with 45 ft. ketch and lover, has openings for sailing crew. No experience necessary, just the desire to learn and become part of a sailboat family that has a deep love for the San Francisco Bay. I think this is a magical lifestyle and welcome a few special people to share the adventure. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★6404.

Face Facts
Certified masseuse seeks others who practice acupressure face lift or other face-neck-shoulder massage. I am interested in forming a casual group/network for facial massage. Call to discuss. Perhaps we'll decide to meet "face-to-face." Call ★★6405.

Birdwatching? Wildflowers?
I am looking for women to hike and enjoy nature with. I like to walk 5-7 miles, mostly on the weekends. The drought is over, at least for now. It's beautiful out there and I'd like some company. How about you? Call ★★6406.

Tai Chi Healing/Arts Walks
With other smooth cruisin', trim, lovely/handsome gallant gal: semi-retired, accountable, health conscious, creatively humorous. Share the best things in life which are free/low cost: theatrical escapades/collaborations; poetic license trekking urban gypsy trails; "mutual generositease" playful laptime (just foreplay a while); and skills exchange: my movement therapy, advanced bodywork instruction, promo./personal writing, amateur tour guiding for your skills, talents, driving. Give detailed description. Reply BT Box MY602B or call ★★6407.

Lesbian Whitewater Kayaker
I'm looking for experienced kayakers or rafters to run rivers with. Let's run the Stanislaus, American, Trinity, Klamath or Rogue River. Let's go boating. Call ★★6408.

BISEXUAL

Tri
Stable bi male, 45, seeks long-term relationship with two gay or bi women. My hope is for tri love, intimacy and commitment with a house, gourmet kitchen, garden, kids, lots of friends and pets for good measure. As two or three, let's do lunch. Reply to PO Box 885291, SF 94188-5291.

Bisexual Neophyte
I'm a handsome 30something muscular blond male, an intelligent professional and gay-identified. I'm seeking to fulfill an important part of me by expanding my personal relationships to include women and M/F couples. I'm open and honest, so if this sounds at all interesting, let's talk! Call ★★6366.

Slave Needs Owner
SWM, 34, bi curious, seeking dominant womyn or couple to serve as houseboy, cook, masseur, errants, slut or toy; for your pleasure or amusement. True masochist and slave enjoys all aspects of surrendering control to you. Use me in any way you desire, my limits are offered to you to push & expand. Orders obeyed immediately. PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611 or call ★★6367.

Overweight Bi White Married Male, HIV-
Age 50. Very hungry; tired of shame. Seeking ladies who are bi and who think that they are perverted and plain. No matter what you like I'll accept you—even weak bladders. Let's explore each other and our desires. PO Box 424053, SF 94142-4053. White/Latin/Asian OK. Kinky OK. Couples OK. No games. Call ★★6368.

Will You Teach Me
My bisexual desires have been hidden long enough. I now know I desire women as I do men. I am a 35 y.o. WM, 165#, work out regularly, and have a well-toned sexy body. Having a creative nature, I am spiritual, fun, enthusiastic and open to new ideas. I seek attractive, fitness conscious bisexual women, men and couples. I need you to understand, to teach me and to help me experience bisexuality. Reply BT Box MY300B or call ★★6369.

Long-haired feminist cross-dresser, 44, seeks playmates and female fashion coach under 50. Reply BT Box MY301B or call ★★6370.

Plump, Bi, Married WM, HIV-
Age 50. Non-drinker, smoker, no drugs. Sometimes I can be soft at first. I get over that. I'm clean. Seek white, Asian or Latin ladies or couples. Very gentle men OK. Let's explore each other and each other's desires. Discreet, no games, no shame, please. PO Box 424 053, SF 94142-4053 or call ★★6371. Kinky OK.

Hot Guy Seeks Hot Gal
BiWM seeks BiWF. Hot Haitian guy, 27 y.o., 5'10", 175 lbs., healthy, good shape, really good-looking, seeking attractive female, 27-38 (prefer Italian/Latin) for good times like going to clubs, movies, Giants games, quiet romantic evenings. I am a nice down-to-earth guy looking to hang out with a really cool girl. Lots of my friends are gay so I miss some female companionship. No BiWM, but would consider MF couple. Call ★★6372.

TRANS

I Worship TV & TS
Tall thin young blond and built adores giving my lady her heart's desire. I'm romantic, cuddly, flirtatious, oral & more. You be 18-25, thin, white, Asian or Hispanic—ready to play... hot dresser. I'll make you feel a 100 percent woman time & time again! Please be cleanshaven, femme & know what you want. Be my Madonna! Let me adore you. Reply BT Box MY400B or call ★★6386.

Long-haired feminist cross-dresser, 44, seeks playmates and female fashion coach under 50. Reply BT Box MY401B or call ★★6387.

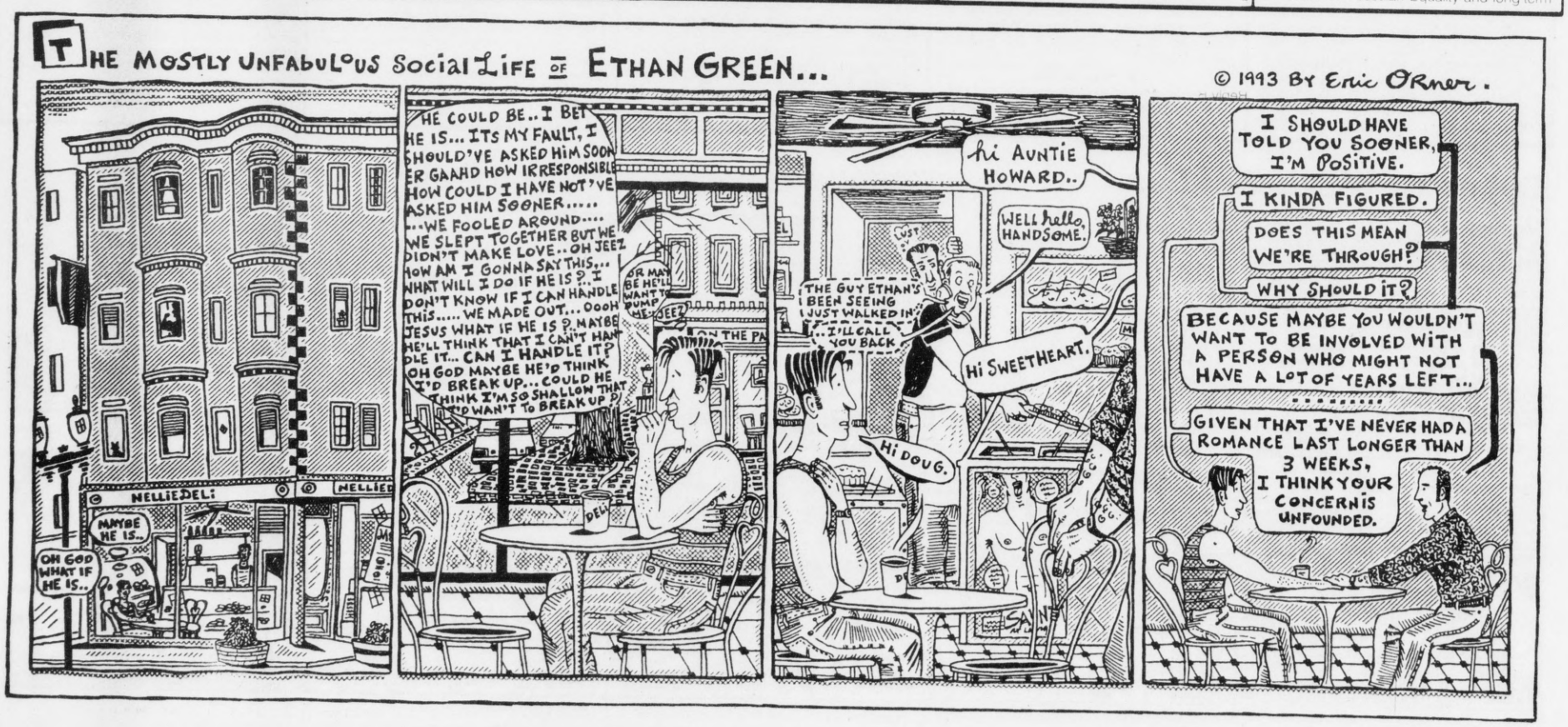
MESSAGES

Piedmont Avenue Bicyclist
We exchanged "hellos" in front of the post office near the Piedmont Movie Theater a year or so ago. You are attractive, somewhat stocky, have blond/light brown hair, blue eyes, a moustache, are educated, and an avid bicyclist. I am 5'9", 165, with brown hair and eyes, boyish/masculine Mediterranean good looks, professional, accomplished, occasionally recalcitrant, lovable. Let's go for a ride. Call ★★6421.

MEN

Spiritual And Sexy
In-shape, young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-, seeks long-term relationship. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height. HIV- We are both cuddly, compatible, comfortable. Let's explore fantasies together. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★6431.

You: Be You. I: And I
Earthy, intense, mystical, sensitive, romantic, established East Bay WM, HIV-, hairy bear, loner, ex-BB, 41, 6', 225 ±, seeks dark, beefy, muscular, deep, intelligent, heartful soul. Must be high-minded and muscular. Equality and long-term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MAYBE HE IS..
OH GOD WHAT IF HE IS..
HE COULD BE..I BET HE IS... ITS MY FAULT, I SHOULD'VE ASKED HIM SOONER GAAHD HOW IRRESPONSIBLE HOW COULD I HAVE NOT'VE ASKED HIM SOONER..... ...WE FOOLED AROUND.... WE SLEPT TOGETHER BUT WE DIDN'T MAKE LOVE..OH JEEZ HOW AM I GONNA SAY THIS... WHAT WILL I DO IF HE IS?..I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN HANDLE THIS..... WE MADE OUT... OOOH JESUS WHAT IF HE IS? MAYBE HE'LL THINK THAT I CAN'T HANDLE IT... CAN I HANDLE IT? OH GOD MAYBE HE'D THINK I'D BREAK UP... COULD HE THINK I'M SO SHALLOW THAT I'D WANT TO BREAK UP?
OR MAYBE HE'LL WANT TO DUMP ME! JEEZ
DELI
Hi AUNTIE HOWARD..
WELL hello, HANDSOME.
JUST
THE GUY ETHAN'S BEEN SEEING I JUST WALKED IN
..I'LL CALL YOU BACK
Hi SWEETHEART.
Hi DOUG.
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SOONER, I'M POSITIVE.
I KINDA FIGURED.
DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE THROUGH?
WHY SHOULD IT?
BECAUSE MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH A PERSON WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE A LOT OF YEARS LEFT...
GIVEN THAT I'VE NEVER HADA ROMANCE LAST LONGER THAN 3 WEEKS, I THINK YOUR CONCERN IS UNFOUNDED.

commitment desired. Cowabunga! Reply BT Box MY70B or call ★★6432.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box MY71B or call ★★6433.

Bored

GWM, 6'3", 160, br/br, moustache, attractive, 42, for what it's worth; friends say I don't look or act it. In my free time I'm outdoors as much as possible, day hikes, driving, etc. I enjoy movies, music, reading, going out, working out and the list goes on. I'm a regular, independent-minded kind of guy, who's a good, up front and honest friend. So, get off your butt and call; if you don't like what you hear and/or possibly see, just say so, otherwise we may both be missing out. Requirements, similar to the above, but call. I'm still thinking. Call ★★6434.

Will Share Asian Bottom

My warm mouth will get you up for his tight ass! Him: 35 y.o. AM, 5'7", 135#, gym-toned, very smooth with an eager butt! Me: 48 y.o. WM, 5'6", 150#, good-looking, fit, expert mouth. You should be WM/LM/AM, 35-45 y.o., facial hair, weight in proportion. My tongue gets his ass and your cock primed—then we ride him deep and hard! Call ★★6435.

Dependable, Affectionate, Open, Curious

36, HIV-, tall & slender, masculine man of integrity looking for a loving, long-term relationship. I'm sensitive, sensual, silly, serious, and a good listener. Not much of a homebody, love to converse in cafes. After 12 years, computer programming still fascinates me, although I'd drop my job in a second if I could. In my acting classes, I enjoy taking on "the given circumstances" of a wide variety of characters. Politically, I particularly like leftists who drive PC people crazy. Raised on rock & roll & humor. Would rather produce a program than "kill my TV." Grew up in the Bay Area, and take for granted its lack of traditions. In my agnosticism and rationality, I take after my dad, but it don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing. I'd like to meet a guy who's HIV-, sweet, dependable and agrees with me that the more two people love each other, the better the sex is. Your intelligence & education are not as important to me as are the passionate curiosity and openness to life's surprises. Your race, hobbies & salary are totally irrelevant, but you should have a job & interests. You should probably be 25-42 & in reasonable shape. I live & work on the Peninsula and get to SF at least three times/week. If you like this ad, let's talk! Write or call. If you want my photo, please send yours. Reply BT Box MY72B or call ★★6436.

Sei Italiano?

Giovane colto Italo-Americano cerca... the same to age 40. I am a professional, financially secure Italian American, who is emotionally stable and looking for a person to share life with. My interests are varied from ethnic restaurants and the theater to entertaining at home, good conversation and cultural events. Honesty and sincerity are the most important factors in building a monogamous relationship—you must be able to commit to a LTR. My height and weight are in proportion, like yours; I prefer hairy and Italian. Looking for someone who shares the same interests/qualities, and who is NS, ND and HIV-. Let's talk and see what happens. Call ★★6438.

Servant? Houseboy? Slave?

Do you seek discipline, direction, guidance? Are you prepared to serve as a houseboy, cook? Are you available for my pleasure or amusement? Are you able to fantasize, role-play, model underwear? How do you feel bonded and blindfolded? If you are capable of any or all of this or just want to try it, 18-35 y.o. bottom, preferably trim and smooth and hopefully HIV-, then you need to contact me. This is all non-leather. Me? 45 y.o., HIV-, 5'8", 200 lbs., masculine but not hairy. Reply BT Box MY74B or call ★★6439.

Boyfriend Wanted

Attractive, healthy, HIV + GWM, blue eyes, 5'6", 150 lbs., 40, interests in Buddhism, art and music, seeks short, handsome, HIV + GWM, 30, uncut, neopagan, who loves intimacy, romance and sex, for a long-term tryst and love affair. Call ★★6440.

Mature Fit Man Wanted

Me: a self-employed professional; handsome with a full head blond hair and a tanned rock-hard body; 6 ft., 165 lbs., 60 yrs. old. HIV- Interested in travel, theater, antiques, cooking, working out, swimming. You: 40-70 yrs. old, any race, NS, in-shape, educated, intelligent and, above all, loving and good sex. Call ★★6441.

Authentic, Affectionate

Attractive, professional GWM looking for other HIV- men in their 40s to mid-50s for dating, the pleasure of each other's company, and an eventual relationship. Men who attract me are authentic, affectionate, educated, professional, interesting, well-groomed and versatile. Weight and height proportionate. Piercings, excessive weight or hair, and buffed Greek gods are a turn-off. I am 48 years old, HIV-, 5'10", 180 pounds, dark hair, cleanshaven, blue eyes and balding. My loves are learning, music, sunshine, warm weather, friends, running, dancing, my work and most things which are slightly exotic. I lead a busy and varied life. I have had custody of and raised my children. I am in the middle of earning an advanced degree as a way of challenging and expanding all of my own horizons as my children leave to explore their lives. I run five days a week and am not a fanatic. My home is in the East Bay and my office is in the Financial District. No drugs, excessive alcohol or smokers. I'm in long-term recovery. Eventually I want to find someone with whom I can craft a shared life of comfort, intimacy and pleasure in who we are and who we want to be. For now I am interested in having a good time with other adult men who show up for their lives and are glad they are who they are. Reply BT Box MY75B or call ★★6442.

Hi There, Here's Your Opportunity!

45+ y.o. GWM, successful, professional seeks 31+ y.o., energetic, sincere and romantic professional. I am 5'9", 160 lbs., blond with a moustache, trim, energetic, easygoing and an exciting top! I actively pursue many activities including horse sports, the arts, dining (esp. home dinners), wines, fireplaces in mountain cabins and snowmobiling. If you are larger than me, fun, easygoing, HIV-, bottom, NS, homebody and honestly looking for companionship or a LTR call me. Reply BT Box MY76B or call ★★6443.

Apple Pie With Love

I know you are out there—somewhere. You are, of course, that handsome, masculine, loving, great at sex, and physically fit GWM with "family values" and a great sense of humor. You are mature, stable, drug-free, NS, HIV- and employed. Being free of self-delusion you do not confuse yourself with a Colt model if you are just an average Joe. I seek someone who seriously values relationships, but who also has the maturity not to take himself too seriously. This handsome, 40s, degreed, professional GWM, living in the City, is 5'10", 160#, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, with s&p hair. I enjoy water and snow skiing, watching football, boating and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. If you value friends and family and if you enjoy laughing, fireplaces, sex, cuddling and communicating your inner feelings then please send a letter with photo (returnable) to JL, PO Box 190907, SF 94119.

Long Weekend J/O Sessions

I'm a straight-acting GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., balding and who's HIV-. I'm seeking another straight-acting GWM, 21 to 45, weight proportional to height or so, and who's HIV-. I want to have long weekend J/O sessions on a regular basis over your place. So, if you're seriously interested, and live from San Jose to San Francisco, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

South Bay Dad

Masculine, bearded, good-looking, outdoor type, HIV-, bi, divorced dad with no biological son looking to be adopted by a masculine, hairy, hot, younger dude to enjoy the outdoor pleasures of spring and summer. I will travel for the right son but maybe the "son" shines right in my own South Bay yard. Please send facial photo to Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★6444.

Asking A Lot

E. Bay GWM, author & teacher, seeks another GM of creative bent as intimate friend/lover/partner. We share some of the following interests: music (esp. symphonic, choral, chamber), gardens, books, walking, faith/spirituality (I'm an Episcopalian). I'm 51, 5'7", gray-blue, close-trimmed beard; quiet, sensuous & affectionate. You're 40-60, stable, mature, accomplished, with affectionate temperament and the gift not to take yourself too seriously. Reply BT Box MY77B or call ★★6445.

Quester

Attractive, healthy, 39-year-old, ready for adventure, looking to share journey through familiar and unknown territories. I'm equipped with optimism, courage, humor and a respectful awe of nature. The rewards could include a lasting friendship in the least, a shared oneness at best. If you are interested or just curious, call or write. Reply BT Box MY78B or call ★★6446.

Mess Up My Hair

Cultivate a friendship with this unconventional, earthy 35 y.o., 6', 155, cleanshaven, handsome Italian looks. Black hair, brown eyes, 5 o'clock shadow, hairy chest, defined swimmer's body, HIV-. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, lean or firm, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, unpretentious, healthy, caring. Partial to: smooth, unbearded, 20-35, nonsmoking. Share: grace, laughter, spacious mind, tender kisses. Photo please. Reply BT Box MY79B or call ★★6447.

Boot Scootin' Partner

GWM, 30s, 5'8", 150 lbs., br/bl, attractive, very muscular, cleanshaven, HIV-, seeks other GWMs under 42. Must be very attractive, cleanshaven, NS, ND, well-built, HIV- and versatile, doing a fast two-step to a slow waltz among other creative maneuvers on and off the dance floor. Intermediate to advanced only need apply. Call ★★6448.

Man Hunted By SF Man

Who is handsome, gym-toned, 40, very intelligent, social and fun. Enjoy biking, hiking, reading, seeing films and plays, volunteering, listening to jazz. Have Wanderlust in extremis. Am "ultra-liberal," monogamous wannabe, safe-sexual, extremely affectionate. Like dark, hairy, firm men, 20s to 50s, conversation, well-mannered extroverts, blonds with beards, the occasional toke, moments of honesty and hysteria. Dislike TV, BMWs, religion. For physical stats and voice check call ★★6449.

Exotic Men

Young and good-looking Caucasian is interested in meeting Persian, Latino and Asian straight men for friendship and more. PO Box 26871, SF 94126 or call ★★6450.

Oral, Friendly, Discreet...

South/East Bay bi connoisseur of masculinity... manmeat. Any race, shape, color, thickness, size, age, sexual preference or kinds of experience... all cocks are suckers for attention and want/need to stand and spout. I'll help if you've got the balls... to write. Be clean, HIV-, friendly, discreet. Me: 58, WM, 5'10", 160, HIV-, bald, casual, understanding. Rubdown? Anybody. Your place. Write: Dick Buddy, PO Box 907, Fremont 94537 or call ★★6451.

Let's Do It

38, 5'10", 157 lbs., attractive GWM, looking for love, friendship and possible long-term relationship. I have varied interests. I'm a musician, enjoy working out regularly, am self-employed and appreciate other's differences. You are an attractive, muscular man, any race, who has a great body and healthy lifestyle, with honesty, humor and your own passions, who wants a physical and emotional attraction to be unique man. Let's talk & see what develops. Call ★★6452.

East Bay Massage Exchanges

Sought by youthful (mind & body), smooth, 47, BiWM, 5'9", 140 lbs., not certified but experienced and appreciated by other masseurs. You: experienced or very intuitive, sensitive, youthful, healthy, fit. Positive attitude and desire to share important. Sense of humor always helpful. Unfortunately I lack place for massage, so I'll come to you. If you're into hiking also, even better! A.B., PO Box 4753, Walnut Creek 94596 or call ★★6453.

Opposites Attract?

Me: I have good friends, but I don't have you! 48 y.o., HIV+, Irish, blue-eyed, s/p moustache, brown hair, 5'10", 175#, in-shape, good-looking, good cook, funny, great kisser (he said modestly), educated, avid reader, traveler (esp. Latin countries) and like my career. You: somewhat my age range, masculine (moustache a plus!), possibly Latin, Mediterranean, Asian/Pacific; also a nonsmoker, left politics, moviegoer (all type), career and good sense of humor. Us: We miss being touched, kissed and loved. We're willing to risk, be vulnerable, ethical, respectful, playful, talk to (not at) each other, develop intimacy and admit how anxious placing/answering ads makes us. Friends wonder why we haven't met. Now's our chance. Your picture and letter get mine. Reply BT Box MY80B.

I Like Water

You: probably a swimmer's build—lean, modest & naturally beautiful. Calm, pleasant & spontaneous. But capable of exploding mental & physical energy. Just like the ocean water. Me: warm, bright personality, lovable. Sometimes a quiet glow of happiness; sometimes an aggressive, crazy fire. Independent but enjoy loving. We: professional or career track (not "yuppie"-identified), 30ish. Interests: workout, swimming, passionate music, spicy food, good conversation over coffee, outrageous movies/shows. Stats: NS/ND, medium height/build, GAM, but do not believe in relationships based on racial contexts; not into unsafe sex. Call ★★6454. See what happens.

How About A Sleepover?

Really! This is basic, safe sex. It is holding, licking, touching, kissing and stroking a warm, pleasant body of another man as you quietly fall asleep. Are you in your 20s or 30s and interested? If so, let's get together. Reply BT Box MY81B or call ★★6455.

Pure Soul, Fast Mind, Infected Cum

All and more are packed in a handsome, muscular, butch, 33 y.o., 5'10", 160 lb. body of a green-eyed, intense JewBoy. I am healthy, asymptomatic artist and I am looking for a meaningful partnership with the near future goal of cohabitation. The hopes are for: pure soul, lustful shape, bright eyes, slutitude, peace of mind, everlasting curiosity. I am looking for a match and not for a replica of myself. I hope you are blessed with the things that I am lacking and vice versa. Reply BT Box MY82B or call ★★6456.

Student Seeks Friendships

GAM, 28 y.o., 5'4", 132 lbs., seeks men, 18-35, for friendship. I enjoy working out, cooking, politics, dancing, foreign films, hiking, camping, looking for someone who is honest and sincere. Prefer GWM and GAM. Please write PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★6457. Serious only please. Thanks.

Something Hot? Warm Even

35, 6'1", 180-185, depends on ice cream, auburn hair, blue eyes hidden behind glasses, cleanshaven, crazy, illustrator, big warm-hearted romantic fool. Looking for interesting, caring, in-shape (?) guy who is sure of himself, is happy and has a positive attitude. Interested in romance that goes to (?) I don't know what I'm looking for, aren't you just supposed to meet across a crowded room or something—where is this room?!? Where are you? Call me, write me. Reply BT Box MY83B or call ★★6458.

No Hassle Safe Fun

Begins with my tongue and mouth on your balls, tits and shaft. Possible blowjob given to you with condom. You are masculine Black or extremely hairy (any race); your place. I am 38, attractive, good body, discreet and ready. Some weekdays possible. Thanks. Call ★★6459.

Extra Hairy, Extra Horny

Gay guy, 26, 6'2", large build, creative, innovative (some call it cheap). I need a real man, someone to be happy with. I'm also horny but sex isn't everything. (Ha ha, who am I kidding?) I like a strong man who doesn't need to prove anything yet knows what he wants. I need to have fun in bed. Let's see what you're all about. Call ★★6460.

Just Sex

Hot, juicy, secret sex fun only. GWM, 38, br/br, HIV-, handsome, fit. In relationship w/no sex. Am clean-cut professional type, hairy chest, bright & fun. Seeking fit, very attractive guys, white/Latin, 20-40ish for play. Photo a plus. Reply BT Box MY84B or call ★★6461.

Not The Norm

Not into bars, clubs, scenes, being seen, attitude, competition. But am into mutual support, caring, trust, sex, cuddling, love, sun, beach, laughing, restaurants, opera, sex, some ballet, flowers, romance, music and driving with my top down. I'm 45 (look & act younger), 5'8", 145, handsome, healthy, HIV+, s/p, blue & ready for new adventure—come ride with me. Reply/photo to BT Box MY85B or call ★★6462.

Life Partner

Wanted by in-shape, young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height. We are both comfortable, compatible, cuddly. Write: PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★6463.

I Like 'Em Tall

That's a preference, not a requirement. If you are: warm, generous, spiritual, grown-up, fit and adventuresome, then maybe we can eventually make each other laugh a lot and feel comfortable. Me: 6'4", 180, 33, blnd/brn, in-shape, attractive. Reply BT Box MY86B or call ★★6464.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, cleanshaven, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★6465.

I Know What Boys Want

And I'll show you what it is if you're under 40, good-looking, HIV+, hungry, with a lean, hard body and you like to get your butt played with. I'm muscular, tight, well-defined, rugged good looks, moustache, 5'11", 165 lbs., 44 years old, solid, sexy. If you're sexually wild and you want to check it out, call ★★6466.

Sex Sex Sex

That's all I want, nothing more, just great sex! I'm a hot, horny & healthy 32-yr-old GWM, 6', 155 lbs., br/bl, gym-toned body and an accomplished kisser. You: a GWM, under 35, in great shape, nonsmoker, SF resident, who knows how to use his tongue. Call ★★6467.

Asian Seeking Friends

Attractive GAM, early 20s, 5'9", seeking gay friends in the Bay Area. You must be between 20-28 years old, any race, good shape and non-drug user. I enjoy movies, music (all kinds), dancing, beaches and good conversation. This is not an ad looking for tricks. Serious only. Please send letter and photo to my box or call. Reply BT Box MY87B or call ★★6468.

Flutie Seeks Haley

GWM, HIV+, sexy, attractive, versatile, financially secure, stable, healthy, asymptomatic 35 y.o. Enjoy dinners out, music, shooting pool, traveling, long walks and talks, coffeehouses and palm trees on Market Street. Looking for well-built, masculine, sincere and honest Black men for friendship, dating and intimate rendezvous. Round and round and round it goes; where it stops nobody knows. Reply BT Box MY88B or call ★★6469.

Expert Service For Hairy Men

Me: good-looking GWM, 5'10", 160 lbs., blnd/blue, 34, lightly hairy. You: G/S/BiM, 25-50, in-shape or stocky, hairy, especially arms, chest, pits, stomach. From plain vanilla to hardcore: cocksucker, asseater, body licker. Hot mouth, deep throat. For one-on-one, group, party. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call ★★6470.

Spiritual And Sexy

In-shape, young-acting 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-, seeks long-term relationship. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height, HIV-. We are both cuddly, compatible, comfortable. Let's explore fantasies together. Call ★★6471.

Big Bed, Half Empty; Big Heart, Half Full

I've got a king size bed with room for two, and a king size heart with room for... you? I turn the mattress regularly to make sure it wears evenly and I'd like to hear inventive ways to make sure it gets worn out properly. But mostly I want to fill my heart with someone really special. I've got wonderful friends and family, a very rich, active, stimulating life, and want to meet that tender, spirited soul to help make the bed and tend my heart, making my life even richer. GWM, mid-40s, blue eyes, gray brown hair, 5'9", 165, cleanshaven, some say cute/handsome, hairy chest, dimples, HIV-. Smart, clever, professional, student of life, independent, intimate, slyly seductive, a kisser and cuddler. Diverse interests: fine arts to sports, performing arts to outdoors. Don't smoke or do drugs, drink occasionally. Attractions: conversational/communicator, not jaded, nonsmoker/druggie, cleanshaven, my size or smaller, 30-50, affectionate, outgoing, independent, vulnerable. Write BT Box MY89B or call ★★6472. Tell me why my mattress and my head might be turned by you.

Zealous Dilettante

Years of eclectic pursuits have left me well rounded, fascinating in conversation & poised for commitment to something. This cute, 31 y.o. GWM enjoys travel, avid moviegoing, employment in public health, creative side projects & work in social justice issues. A graduate of raves & gyms, I await the next social wave. Save me from this fate. You: famous artist & cook (or someone else) late 20s to late 30s, of any color. Call ★★6473.

Bored With The Bars?

Tired of dull tricks? I am. Let's try something different. I'm a GWM, 32, 6', 155 lbs., br/bl, I live a busy, active life, with lots of friends, but haven't met "that guy" yet. I'm professionally employed, I enjoy all the pleasures this city has to offer, believe in taking care of myself (you should too); I work out 5 days a week. You are a GWM, under 35, NS, HIV-, with a silly sense of humor. Call ★★6474.

Mutual Respect

I don't care how tall you are, or how old, or how much you weigh. I do care about what you have inside—honesty and caring about others beside yourself. I am a 36 y.o. GJM, 5'7", 170 lbs., having dark brown hair and beard. I am not hooked on monogamy, but I'm not interested in one-night stands either. Let's get to know each other. Reply BT Box MY90B or call ★★6475.

Bare It All

Sonoma Bares—jack off club meeting this summer (weekends only). Write: Club, PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★6476.

Handsome East Bay Man

GWM, 31 yrs. old, 6'1", 225 lbs., well-built, masculine, brown hair & eyes & HIV-. Interests include working out, water & snow skiing, volleyball, the outdoors, socializing with good friends & much more. Looking for quality person/people for friendship, possible relationship, who have similar interests. No drugs, games. Photo preferred. Reply BT Box MY91B or call ★★6477.

Ahoy, Sailor!

Seeking a special friend to take sailing, walk in the redwoods, enjoy passionate physical encounters and share intimate emotions. Handsome WM, masculine, 34, 5'4", 130 lbs., HIV+, aympstomatic, brn. hair and eyes, moustache, physically fit and in-shape, light smoker (outdoors only), no alcohol. I am very physical, very oral and versatile professional, stable, liberal and like to have fun! You are an experienced sailor or have desire to learn or just enjoy being on the water, attractive, masculine, 30-40, WM, height proportionate to weight, facial hair a plus. You are mature, financially stable and know what you want from life. I live on the Peninsula. You are in SF, Peninsula or South Bay. Possible LTR. Sailing weather is here—let's go! Call ★★6478.

Looking For Older Man

I'm a 48 y.o. GWM, 6'3", 225#. I am extremely shy and introverted and so have been reluctant to take that first step in approaching another gay man. I'm looking for a GWM, 50+, (personal appearance not an issue), who has had similar problems in approaching others. I wish to form an exclusive relationship with such a person and, as sexual fulfillment for both parties I consider of paramount importance at this time, it is not crucial that other interests be closely matched. Exploration of other such interests can develop if the primary basis for a relationship exists. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 341, Hayward 94543.

I Got A Free Personal Ad

Witty (loudmouthed), fun (but moody), blond, 24-year-old seeks interesting dates. I'm 5'9", attractive and gym-toned by 19th century standards. I especially like tallish, doofy to cute, collegiate to earthy types, 23-30; otherwise send photo. In fact, send photo anyway (and I'll send one too). Let's start with coffee (cream later). Reply BT Box MY92B or call ★★6479.

Have Honda, Will Travel

My Civic gets great mileage. Want to meet a friendly single or couple wherever you are! I'm HIV-, 5'10½", 170, 48, discreet, in good shape. Am an enthusiastic, willing bottom looking for muscular, dominant tops. Enjoy having my big butt warmed first (but that's optional). I live on the central coast. Willing to exchange photos. Come on! I'm a nice guy! Write or call! Reply BT Box MY93B or call ★★6480.

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SF HANDICAPPED GAY MEN'S GROUP FORMING: 40 yr old handicapped interested in forming a group call mailbox for details. ☎4836

SF COME N' GET ME: Sub. GWM, 28, bodybuilder, seeking dom. black male to indulge life's little pleasures with. ☎4679

PALO ALTO SERVITUDE: HAVE CAR WILL TRAVEL. 39, I'M into guys under 45, tell me where to meet you. (hairy guys a plus) discretion advised. ☎4684

DALY CITY WM, 170lbs, looking for fun time guys, call ☎4283

SAN FRANCISCO INEXPERIENCED: 6'1, 155lbs, slender, blond, blue eyes, desires understanding guy, looks unimportant it's what's insides that counts. ☎1384

SF "LET'S MAKE ENDS MEET" 29 yr old, into younger guys, into safe stuff, get togethers/talks ☎1588

SF EXCITED AS HELL: sub. bttm, seeking dom. top for fun call for hm number. ☎2443

SF FRIENDS OR PHONE: hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, dark hair/stached, lots of interests, I'm very romantic, and sensual, seeking goodlkg slender special someone. ☎3906

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STUD INTO SUN, surf and water sports, into hanging out, correspondence with young guys under 25. call for hm number, let' get busy. ☎3945

SF LITTLE BROTHER WANTED; Sincere 43 yr old, 6', 170lbs, seeks slim, asian or white guy 18-32 for sincere friendship, prefer boyish looks, non-smoker a plus, ☎3492

SF STOCKY AND SHY: new to gay life: 5'9, 160lbs, brwn hair/eyes, glasses, hairy w/moustache, seeking guy 25-35 to talk and do things with. (call for hm number and describe yourself) ☎4189

SF A SPECIAL PERSON: Hairy 5'9, 150lbs, 43, black & passionate, enjoy travel and fun nights out, ☎3643

SF NOT YET OUT: New to scene, any race ok, 25-35 seeking smooth guys in same situation. I'm clean shaven, goodlooking and professional. ☎3769

Sonoma FOOTBALL BUILD: 29 yr old, blond haired, hazel eyed, bearded, hairy chest desires top or versatile hairy guy who likes the outdoors. ☎3846

San Francisco 5'5, CLEAN shaven, attractive, well built, enjoy outdoors, movies, romantic dinners, HIV+, seeking top man with similar outlook ☎2964

SF SALT & PEPPER Couple seeks top man for versatile fun & frolic ☎2682

SF ANY TAKERS? Bi-white male, 140lbs, 5'10, 29 yr old, seeking younger smooth slim types for discreet times ☎2859

Kings beach/Tahoe DAMN NICE GUY: Passionate sculptor, outdoorsy type, 33, 200lbs, big & muscular, I like to cook, trampoline, and would like to meet humorous real type. ☎2863

San Francisco We are a gay couple, seeking a third for weekends ☎2933

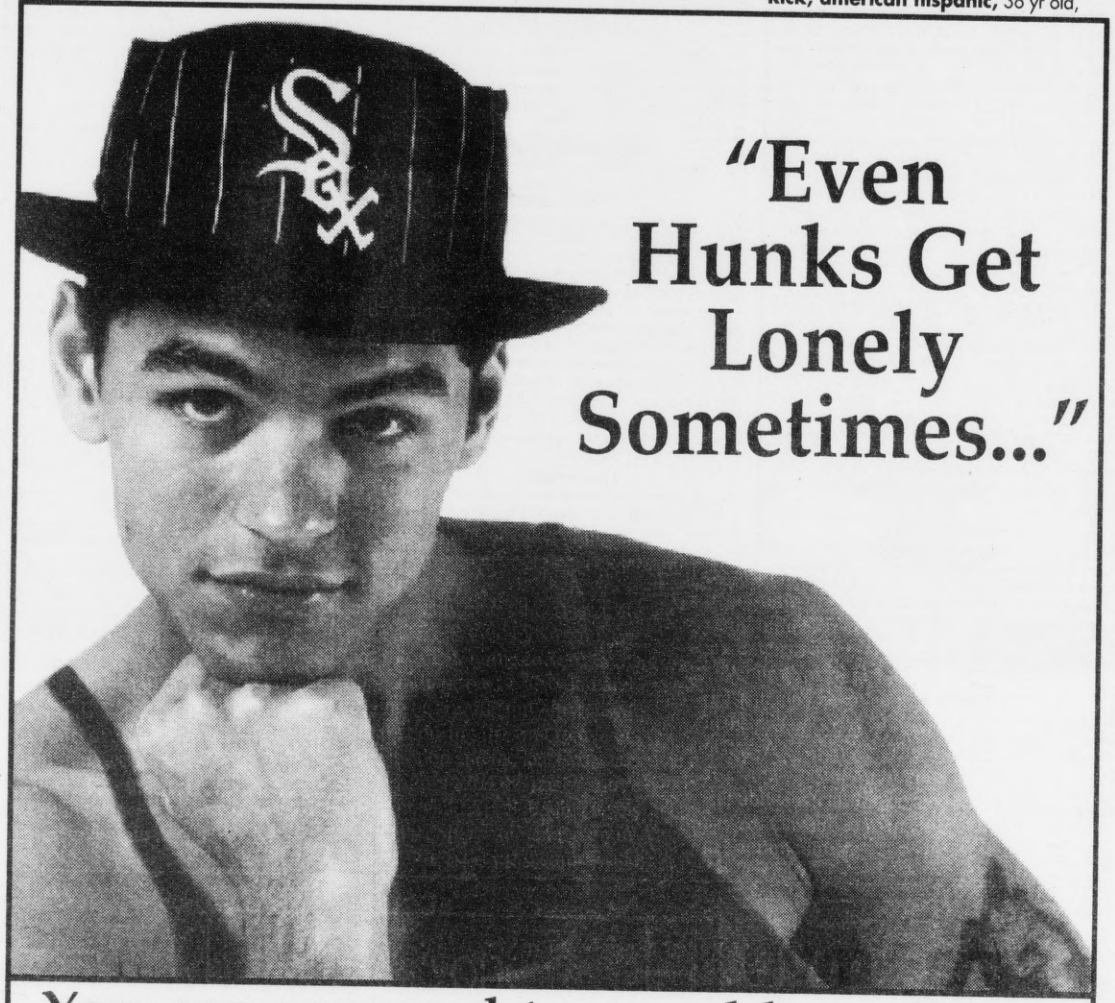
SF Jim, like to meet asian men ☎2818

SF ASIAN MALE, 5'8, 140lbs, enjoy skiing, seeking attractive WM, into friendships, waiting to hear from you, call for hm number ☎2884

San Francisco VERY SENSUAL 53 yr old, (look younger) brwn hair, hazel eyes, olive complexion, enjoy 1 on 1 conversations ☎3258

SF 19, 5'11, dark brwn hair, blue eyes, would like to meet any guy out there interested in going for anything. ☎2738

Rick, american hispanic, 36 yr old,



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SF Telcom engineer, 5'11, fit, non-smoking, sensual guy with good sense of humor, enjoy theatre, painting, road cycling, movies, travel and trying to learn french. Prefer clean shaven under 45. ☎3532

SF ATTRACTIVE GERMAN born, dark blond, hair, Hiv +, seeking positive person, must be sincere ☎1814

SF LOOKING FOR DADDY: 23 yr old, well defined seeking older guy to teach me ☎2033

E. Oakland ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY? 220lb muscular build: 21 yr old GWM in the navy enjoy writing, reading, politics, into classic rock, good food, seeking GWM 20-25. ☎2574

SF LATIN GUY: 23 yr old, rel. oriented for guy 20-40 call for hm number ☎2913

Hayward great GLUTES Latin male 28, great shape, beginner Body builder, submis., can travel ☎2941

SF Bi-curious, white male 5'7, muscular built, seeks bi-curious asian male for experimentation ☎3035

Hayward NO REGRETS: 5'10, SOLID 28 yr old, very subm. bttm seeking agress. top stud 18-37 ☎3108

SF NEW TO GAY LIFE: 28 YR OLD, kinda shy: brwn hair/eyes, 5'10, 160lbs, avg. looking w/glasses, call for hm number ☎3145

San Francisco THE 3 BEES: BLACK BEARDED BTTM: 180lbs, call soon for get togethers ☎3190

very open, variety of tastes ☎2730

ANY RACE ANY AGE, OPEN MINDED; 26 yr old new comer, clean , healthy, seeking very aggressive dom. male, enjoy satisfying. ☎2734

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***** SF: I'm a Manfinder! EXTRAORDINARILY SENSUAL, call for details ☎ 2084**

Aggressive top man 3 ways OK, 40, 5'8, 140lbs, clean shaven, hairy chest, average built, nice looking let's connect ☎ 1119

Bi-Male, inexperienced submissive, seeking easy going tall fit guy, ☎ 1686

SF/S. bay: FILL ME UP! CURIOUS bttm wants a man with a slow hand; stop fantasizing just call and tell me ☎ 2151

2 goodlkg hunky mucl. Bttms seeking BB, top guy? italian, stached, top, ☎ 1640

HEY YOU! LIKE EUROPEAN MEN? I'm tall dark handsome will come to you, kick back & call ☎ 1704

Contra Costa County: I like Latin men. I'm blond blue eyed, 6'4, studly, into reciprocity, total contact, instinctual play, similar attitude call ☎ 2578

Kevin, 24, 5'11, 170, smooth clean shaven endowed BM seeks same, call for my number. ☎ 1902

Russian River: like to party? Let' enjoy some high times, 6', dark hair/eyes, 170lbs, med. built, not afraid to try new delights ☎ 2553

Curious 6'2, 195lbs, Bi-white discreet, clean, runner ☎ 2098

24 yr old BM, 5'11, 170lbs, smooth, clean shaven, seeks fit handsome Black men ☎ 2121

DR. Feelgood 22, 5'5, bttm, looking for someone 22-34 ☎ 2124

Take Charge Man Wanted by 25 yr old, 5'10, 135lbs, Yuppie, seeks dom. fun ☎ 2040

Boyfriend wanted by 6'2, blond/blue eyed, European college student ☎ 1045

49 yr old, clean, healthy GWM, 5'8, 150lbs, brwn hair, green eyes, any race ok 18-45, ☎ 2139

New boy in Town seeks BLACK male. I'm a 35 yr old, white male, 6', slim, handsome, homebody, new to S. Bay area, looking for slender tall 30-35 yr old BM ☎ 1521

AVAILABLE tonite. I'm a 25 yr old, 5'7, 165lbs, black hair/brwn eyes Bi-guys ok too. ☎ 1439

MEXICAN guy, 40 yr old, enjoy bicycling, working out, masc. men with similar interests wanted ☎ 2362

Paul, 26, goodlking musc. built BB type seeking same, call for hm numberLet's get together and have some fun tonight! ☎ 2392

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Warmly articulate, masculine, healthy, attractive, Black male top, 27, 5'10", 170, sks GWM/GLM/GGM, masc., in-shape, healthy; likes dining out, gym, beaches; is comfortable with life and being gay; 24-30; willing to devote time to a monogamous relationship. HIV unimportant. Let's meet. Great catch. No B.S. You don't have to be perfect, just down-to-earth. Long hair +; love kissing +; BB butt +. Call ★★6482.

Looking To Enjoy Life
With someone. GWM, 52 y.o., 5'11", 155 lbs., fit, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs, no drinking, into art, music, quiet times. Want someone fit, caring, honest, flexible, patient. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★6483.

Boyfriend Material
Handsome & fit prof. GWM, 36, 6', 165#, HIV-. Likes include art, music, motorcycles, clubs, cafes, TV & thrift shops, but chemistry is as important as shared interests. I'm stable, romantic, politically aware and funny. I have a positive outlook and I'm comfortable being gay. I have goals but I'm not obsessed with them. I'm open to a long-term, monogamous relationship with a GWM, GAM or GLM under 35. Reply BT Box MY95B or call ★★6484.

Young Asian Boy Toy
Sought by healthy, slim WM for massage, uninhibited sex and fantasy. You should be open to exploration, possible three-way. No commitment—I have a lover—just plain or fancy sex. Tell me what you want. Call ★★6485.

Handsome, Hunky, Spiritual
WM, 33, 5'10", 170, great build, very handsome, boyish looks (brn/brn), HIV-, professional, intelligent, humorous, sensitive, lovable and caring, looking for similar WM, 24-36, who enjoys close friendship and intimacy. I have an active spiritual life, meditate regularly. Looking for someone with strong values, commitment to others. I am very open (have had relationships with women), curious, and ready to explore with right person. Let's talk! Reply BT Box MY96B or call ★★6486.

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Wanted: Teddy Bear Dad
20 y.o. WM, 5'11", 160 lbs., br/br, HIV-, clean-cut, average good looks, honest, sincere, seeks mature, 30+ y.o., in-shape, NS, ND, HIV-, intelligent, affectionate, emotionally open, good-looking, rugged dad to explore friendship and love. You should enjoy travel, the great outdoors, theater, talking, cuddling; sex important but not number 1. Let's start friends then more. Call, we'll talk. Call ★★6488.

Older Seeks Younger
We want what everyone else wants—mutually supportive friendship and intimacy. We're not likely to meet in bars, because we don't smoke, drink or use drugs. I'm mature, masculine, moderately hairy GWM, 6', 210, balding, sometimes dominant. You're 21-40, any race. We're affectionate, stable, have a sense of humor, and enjoy the basics: music, nature, good food, travel and more. Call ★★6489.

Hello
Asian male, sincere, professional, attractive, 35, 5'6", 130 lbs., looking for other 30- or 20-somethings. Seeking regular person who can appreciate simple things like outdoor hikes, picnics, street fairs and spaghetti dinners. I also like witty conversation, piano, cheap travel and exploring this beautiful city. Dislike the bar scene and hoping to meet personable friends through this ad. Boxholder, 3739 Balboa St., #104, SF 94121.

Handsome All-American
Looking for a partner. Very handsome 30 y.o. GWM with a laidback outlook on things. I'm 6', 160 lbs., br/br, cleanshaven, lean and muscular and am looking for a similar, attractive 28-40 y.o. who enjoys the things I do: sports/athletics, talking, good music and entertainment and being close. I'm healthy, HIV-, keep in great shape; ND/NS, but not rigid about that stuff and am interested in a relationship with the right guy. Call ★★6490.

You're 18-23 And Spiritual
I'm a 39-year-old, trim, handsome, cleanshaven blond, blue-eyed, vegetarian, white male with an exotic lifestyle seeking a long-term relationship. I have two homes and a thriving new age business three hours from SF. I'd like to share all with a younger brother, 18-23, into the New Age. You must have a good sense of humor, be HIV-, optimistic, smart, trim and good-looking. Let's meet in the Bay Area. Call ★★6491.

Blond? Redhead? Freckles? Butch Topman?
With a hairy, defined chest, HIV- romantic guy. Me: 37, blond, HIV-, great kisser, 29 waist, defined, smooth, silky white bubble butt. East Bay. Let's soak in my hot tub. Call ★★6492.

Seeking Friend/Relationship
I'm outgoing, attractive GAM, 31, 5'8", 140# and straight acting. I enjoy outdoor activities, dancing, gym, dinner out or quiet evenings at home. I'm interested to meet with good-looking GWM, 21-31, masculine, down-to-earth and nonsmoker. Waiting to hear from you. Call ★★6493.

Monthly Visitor to San Francisco Desires
Mature man of substance (priest, physician, professor, artist... married OK) for prudent tryst culminating in serenity of spirit and turbulence of action. I'm originally an East Coaster, bilingual, professional, earthy, free-thinking, humorous, 55. Seeking, too, a private source of erotic videos for trade (by mail OK), and bodywork (conscientious amateurs OK). I've table, tools, supplies. R.F.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Seeking Thai Man
Just returned from vacation in Thailand, and there are some things I can't forget. I would like to meet a Bay Area Thai man who's interested in fun times as well as intimacy. I am a Caucasian male, 38, 5'10", 150, blond, nonsmoker. Please be 18-30, smooth and a nonsmoker. Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 470901, SF 94147. Photo appreciated but not required. All letters answered.

Do U Wanna Dance?
At the Box, El Rio, private party, wherever? Not a great dancer, but enjoy the energy, exercise and sociability of it. I'd love to meet a very attractive, intelligent, compassionate, witty, HIV- man with a healthy sense of humor and informed yet skeptical view of the world. Open to a strong chemical connection. But a fun companion who likes food, drama and adventurous travel also welcome. I'm 6', 175 lbs., handsome. Black, mid-40s. You... about to call ★★6494.

Are You Curious, Inexperienced?
Are you curious, inexperienced, basically straight, nervous, shy, looking for someone you can trust for first time experience? Are you 18 to 21, WM/LM/AM, slender build, smooth, want to meet someone you'll feel comfortable with? I'm non-aggressive, very patient, caring, understanding, easy to talk to and fun to be with. Lay back and relax with someone you can trust. No reciprocation required. WM, 29, slender, smooth, brn & blue, discreet, straight-acting & appearing. Would like to hear from you. Call ★★6495.

Boy Seeks Boy
Boyish GWM, brn hair/brn eyes, 5'10", 145#, HIV-, 24 y.o. seeks same, 21-30ish, for a long-term monogamous relationship. Me: loyal, sensitive, attractive, somewhat serious, spirited student into art (Van Gogh-Koons), literature (L. Carroll-Sade-K. Acker), music (Rachmaninoff-k.d. lang-This Mortal Coil), films (independent, foreign & classic) and food (foreign & classic). You: loyal, commitment-oriented, sensitive, intelligent, attractive, with relatively common interests. Us: films, food, walks, talks, maybe more... Respond w/photo if possible. Reply BT Box MY97B or call ★★6496.

Positive Boyfriend
Wanted by positive romantic. Handsome, romantic, GWM, 38, with tall, lean, muscular body seeks other sexy, good-looking, HIV+ guys for fun, lust, romance. Love to kiss, love romantic dates, love hot erotic sex. If you're handsome, sexy, well-built (gym muscles a must!), between 28 & 38, let's get together for a drive in the country and... Call ★★6497.

Move To Atlanta...
And marry a stud. I'm 34, 6', 172 lbs. of lean, hard muscle, cleanshaven, intellectual, multi-degreed, not pedigreed, spiritual, ready for commitment and dedication. I'm HIV+ and you should be too. Like lean, well-muscled, vascular, smooth men with a zest for life. Will consider all studs. Contact VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★6498.

French Kiss
Me: GWM, 26, 150 lbs., br/br, French, very cute they say, warmhearted, educated (MBA), outgoing professional. You: educated, intelligent, handsome, all-American boy. We: like dancing, eating, hiking, doing nothing, having sex. We: are sensuous, with a sense of humor. We: dislike attitudes, cold showers. We are not afraid to show our emotions, to communicate, to play erotic games, to discuss seriously. Your picture (a must) gets mine. Reply BT Box MY98B or call ★★6499.

(Boy)Friend
Cute GWM, 34, tall, blue-eyed, transplanted East Coast artist. I'm sensitive, fun, HIV-, passionate, worldly, monogamous, sexy, non-effeminate, spontaneous, yet lonely in SF. Seek boyfriend who's somewhat similar to hold hands with at the cinema, to kiss in the rain on the roof, to push on the swings at midnight at the park. If you're out there—and I know you are—call me. We should meet. Call ★★6500.

Easygoing And Affectionate
Would you like to be held, snuggled, stroked? I don't want a househusband, but would love to give (and receive) such to another GWM like myself who is easygoing, affectionate, HIV-, in 30s or 40s and secure in what he wants and who he is. I have much to share and am sure you do as well, so why not share it? Reply BT Box MY99B or call ★★6501.

East Bay Raver
Wants to meet other friendly ravers for sensual brotherly exploration. I'm a very young 40-yr-old creative lean guy into the Dead, Trek, KALX and my cruiser. Let's go to the next full moon, pagan buddy. Love and respect to the scene. Call ★★6502.

Dinner By Candlelight
BGM, 49 y.o., HIV-, 135 lbs., 5'9", professional, financially stable, mature, looking for BGM/AM/LM, with similar qualities, for dates to movies, cultural events, outdoor activities, short trips out of town and dinner by candlelight. No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. Pref. SF Bay Area. Letter and photo exchanged/returned. Reply BT Box MY100B or call ★★6503.

An Island Is No Man
I'm seeking a buddy to share together in friendship this adventure called life. Achievement of a happy life pattern through common sense, responsible decision-making and rewarding decision making, and rewarding employment with varied social, sensual, safe sexual interests is most greatly enhanced by having met and falling in like and love with a special man. I'm masculine, 5'10", trim GWM, physically/emotionally/romantically attractive, and non-alcohol/drug user. Let's help each other so as to flourish in a quality man-to-man friendship/relationship. Reply BT Box MY101B or call ★★6504.

Inspiration
Can be breathtaking! This veteran of life, loves and wars wishes inspiration, not necessarily ecstatically. T'would be nice. I'm 5'11", 155, gray/wavy hair, a seasoned/pleasant face. Have traveled, enjoy gardening, Mendocino, Le Mac-onnais in Hayward, languages, opera/symphony and a simpatico hombre, of any ethnic background, by the fireside. Dote on embracing, cuddling, kissing. HIV-; I smoke but chew gum! 9½". Slim East Bayers, please. Reply BT Box MY102B or call ★★6505.

East Bay GWM
Relationship-oriented GWM seeks a sincere GWM interested in a relationship that begins with friendship. I'm 31, 5'9", 155, outgoing but somewhat shy. You're under 35, average to muscular build and smoke and drug-free. We're both HIV-, clean-cut, masculine, stable and not into the bar scene. My interests include the outdoors, movies, music, computers and quiet evenings at home. PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★6506.

Marin County
GWM would like to meet other gay or bisexual males in and around Bay Area. 5'7", 165 lbs., 40 y.o., short brown hair, hazel eyes, trim moustache, kind & gentle, average to good looks, well-endowed top. Interested in men 35-55. Reply BT Box MY103B or call ★★6507.

Soulful Guy In Sonoma Co., Pt. II
I'm 32, masculine, passionate, healthy, romantic, strong, humorous and occasionally twisted! Stats: 5'9", 170, brn/brn (thinning), beard, HIV-. Full of paradox... shy (bars), outgoing (friends). Country boy, city smarts. Vegetarian, light smoker. Spiritual depth, human baggage. Seek slow steady connection with like-minded (not identical!) soul (long-term) or... occasional sex bud (short term). Likes? Friends, outdoors, motorcycles, integrity, dogs, exploring, quiet nights, intense eyes. You? Healthy, honest, humorous, handsome, masculine "top"/versatile, 20s to mid-40s would be a great start! Sex? Warm and sensuous to light B&D, leather. Just be real. Reply BT Box MY104B or call ★★6508.

Strong, Silent Stud
GWM, 31, 5'11", 170 lbs., clean-cut good looks, brown hair and eyes, muscular build, HIV-, non-smoking, professional. Sensitive, caring, romantic, affectionate, intelligent and masculine under a studly exterior. San Francisco politics, Midwestern values. Diverse interests including cultural, home and outdoor activities. Seeking serious relationship built on friendship with good-looking, loyal, mature and stable guy, 30-42, any race, with similar qualities/interests. Letter and photo to BT Box MY105B or call ★★6509.

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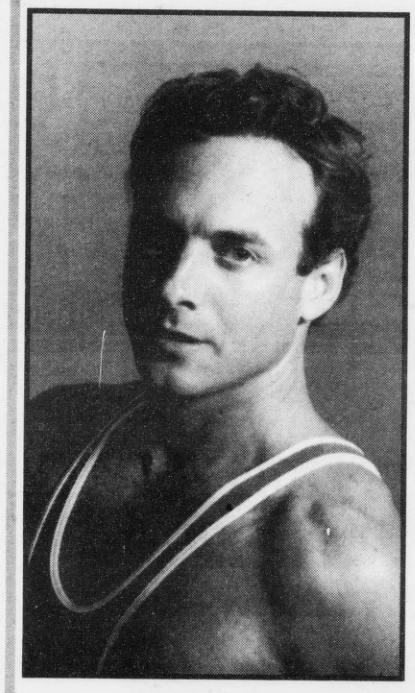

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Looking for lifemate. I'm 34, 6', brown hair, hazel eyes, HIV+ and positive about it. Very healthy, athletic, intellectual, spiritual and every bit a man. Want a quality partner. Preferably you are lean, well-muscled, vascular, naturally smooth (not "shaved") and are fair-skinned and fair-haired. Other studs considered. Contact VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★6510.

All-American In San Mateo

Professional GWM, 30, 6'3", 195 lbs., blnd, brn, gym-toned, athletic and conservative. I like tennis, skiing, biking, the beach, hiking, camping, movies, concerts and entertaining at home. I'm looking to meet an all-American boy-next-door, age 22-30, for friendship and the possibility of a long-term, monogamous relationship. He has traditional values and plans for his future. I look forward to your letter & photo. You won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box MY107B.

Mid-30s Situation

Very handsome, very intelligent, well-educated, masculine, 35-year-old, looking for an equal. Great body, 5'6", brn/grn. French ancestry, accused of being sexy. Kind, honest, direct, unpretentious, even-tempered, motivated, quick-witted, occasionally stubborn, not afraid of commitment or showing affection. Unfortunately, I have a hard time meeting guys to date, because I'm very shy and can appear unapproachable. Interests include cycling, swimming, travel, movies, novels, beach, volunteer work, home projects, my neighborhood, eating out, and doing things with friends, gay and straight. If you think we can interest each other, excite each other, maybe love each other, write (with a photo) and tell me why. All photos returned. PO Box 190065, SF 94119-0065.

Asian Fantasies

WM, late-40s, 5'6", 160 lbs., seeks Asian into muscle/strength showoff or domination scenes. You like pumping up, oil, mirrors, flexing, having your muscles worshipped. You have me feel your strength as you win in arm wrestling. Or maybe you're an Asian master needing a slave to service you from feet to armpits. Also seeking big Asian cocks. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★6512.

Horse Lover, Hayward

GWM, 51, 6'1", 190#, looking for friends and lifelong, monogamous, loving commitment. My interests include showing horses, water skiing, trout fishing, bike riding, CW music dancing, gym work. Your height and weight in proportion, nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinking OK, must be understanding, sensitive, caring. Reply J.B., PO Box 3757, Hayward 94540. Safe sex only.

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Music (Nabucco, Vince Gill, Bruckner's Fourth, Gershwin), laughter (*Hay Fever*, "Seinfeld," witty conversation, *Aladdin*), plays (Chekhov, Kushner), travel (Caribbean, London), movies (*Casablanca, Fried Green Tomatoes*), new restaurants, swimming, serene vistas, affection, touching, necking. Allegedly handsome graying bear, 50ish, 200#, 5'10", br/br, HIV-; bright, articulate, honest, mellow, NS prof. seeks slighter masc. NS GM with similar interests. Objective: long-term relationship. Reply BT Box MY108B or call ★★6513.

Oral Bottom Or Bottoms

Wanted by two horny dudes in mid-50s, HIV-. Your age, looks, color not important. Only your eagerness, technique and willingness to satisfy us in Santa Rosa. Let's have summer fun! Write: Two Dudes, Box 282, Fulton 95439-0282 or call ★★6514.

Seeking Masculine Man

For long-term relationship. I'm tall, 33, HIV-, considered handsome, nice smile. Not into bars—rather spend evenings working out and weekends camping, hiking or riding my bike. Interested in meeting nonsmoking, energetic male under 40 who is intelligent, easygoing, generally happy with life and of good character. You're looking for more than sex, know how to kiss, and aren't afraid to sweat! Call ★★6515.

Hairy Chest

A hairy chest turns me on. Especially if the man is also (like me) HIV- and doesn't drink, smoke or drug. I'm attractive, educated and open, over 6', medium build, smooth, with gray-blond hair. I'm a top who also loves oral. Sincere intent is monogamous relationship. Would be great if you lived in SF, Marin or Sonoma counties. Call ★★6516.

Russian River/North Bay

Short, cute redhead seeks attractive guys for encounters/friendships. Regular "sessions" OK; not seeking LTR. Am 34, HIV+. Prefer age 18-35 (but also find the occasional daddy—40±—appealing). Your HIV status not important; sexual/social diversity is. Mostly, this artistic/musical/literate "manboy" seeks connections with unique, versatile guys. Couples OK too. Write Box 488, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★6517. RR to SF.

From Friendship To Relationship?

Can friendship lead to relationship or something else? Well, I'll never know unless you answer this ad so I can meet you and see what happens. I am a GAM, 40 years young both inside and out, 5'7", 135, HIV-, good-looking, in-shape and fit. Many interests including music, travel, films, the outdoors, conversation, travel, etc. Am very stable, sensible, happy and love life. Would like to meet BiGM of any background, 50 or under, attractive, healthy, in-shape and open to friendship leading to, perhaps, relationship? Interested? Then call ★★6518 or write to PO Box 471583, SF 94147 with your photo (?) and phone.

You 'N Me

Lean your naked clean healthy 25-40 y.o. smooth/lightly hairy slender/skinny or compact 5'9"-6'2" frame back on my bed's many pillows with your knees up/apart exposing your beautiful 6½+" thickish knob ready to be coaxed/polished to solid ecstasy by this handsome 48 y.o. man's eager practiced mouth. You're nice/sincere. Reciprocity unnecessary. Light drink, smoke OK; ND. Some early weekday evenings/Saturday, Sunday afternoons available to bring this scenario to fruition. Call ★★6519.

Caring, Down-To-Earth Asian

GAM, 30, 5'5", 135 lbs., HIV-, good personality, with smooth baby body. Honest, smart, affectionate, romantic, stable, seeks friendship or relationship to GWM, 25-35, with gym-toned body, bl/bl or grn, good sense of humor, full of life, honest, appreciative, loving, into movies, dining out, traveling, educated, good kisser, hugger, cuddler and top a plus. Pls write with photo to BT Box MY109B or call ★★6520.

Seriously Seeking Someone

Who is 25 to 40 y.o., lean, defined, emotionally available, independent, sweet-natured, unpretentious, unreservedly affectionate, healthy, HIV-, oral bottom who wants to explore the pleasures of heart, mind and body in a monogamous relationship based on honesty, intelligence, spirituality, serenity and passionate concern with a 6'2", 195 lb., 56 y.o., br/br, graying, thinning hair, HIV-, hairy top who is gentle, intense, intellectual, quiet, and who has not forgotten that we are—at our most profound levels—innocent, lonely little boys who—if we bond together—can know the pleasures of the gods. PO Box 640253, SF 94164 or call ★★6521.

One-Man Man

Attractive, educated and emotionally available, I'm 6', 195# (built but not buff), gray-blond hair (over 50, look 40), and a smooth, oral top. Seeking man who (like me) is HIV-, uses little or no alcohol, smokes, drugs. Have strong preference for hairy chested men, but am open on other physical characteristics. Want monogamous relationship. Shared interest in nature and the arts a plus. Call ★★6522.

I Want To See You Sweat

GAM, attractive, gym-toned body, 28, 5'10", 169 lbs., likes to feel/rub/have body contact (grapple and wrestle around until we're both glistening with sweat) with similar guy(s) under 35. Smooth medium muscular to heavy muscular build a+. Call ★★6523.

Serious Relationship

Sought by GWM, 28-yr-old, 150 lbs., br/bl, 5'9", with boyish good looks. Enjoys dinners out, movies, car rides down the coast, sunshine. Looking for guy-next-door, 20-30 yrs. old, interested in dating and maybe hitting it off. Reply BT Box MY110B or call ★★6524.

Hot Top Man Seeks Hunky Bottom!

Bottoms only need respond! Top man seeks very bottom man. Me: 100 percent top, 6'1", 190 hard, built #s, healthy, athletic, prime. You: bottom (only), HIV- (I am), very muscular, handsome, willing, horny, discreet. You must love sex! Sports jocks (I'm one) and BBs strongly preferred; masculine only. Relationship possible, looking for hunky bottom for get togethers for long-term. Reply w/photo to BT Box MY111B or call ★★6525.

PWA Sex Ad

GWPWA seeks other PWAs/HIV+ for fuckbuddies. I'm 30, brn/brn, moustache and goatee, 5'10", handsome and in decent health. Not looking for a relationship (I've got that), just new friends. You may be of any race or age, but I admit I'm partial to hairy, balding men. Daytimes encouraged. Within SF only. Reply BT Box MY112B.

Marriage Material

36-year-old (looks younger) GWM with short dark wavy hair, cleanshaven, with smooth tan skin. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs., very muscular and very good-looking. I'm an honest, verbal, straightforward and psychologically-minded physician who is caring and affectionate with a good sense of humor. I'm a very healthy HIV+, spiritually-oriented person who maintains a fairly positive attitude about life, and continues to live fully. I love travel, dining out, the beach, hot tubs, and relaxing times with friends. My life is fairly complete, but I'm still searching for that one special man to share it with in an intimate way. I'm looking for a man of any race between the ages of 27 and 45 who is very good-looking, has a muscular body and is mostly a top. It is important to me that you be able to express yourself, talk about feelings, and be capable of honest, direct communication, as well as being a good listener. Most people think of me as being a real catch and are usually somewhat baffled why I'm still single. Reply BT Box MY113B or call ★★6526 and let's find out more about each other and decide if we want to meet.

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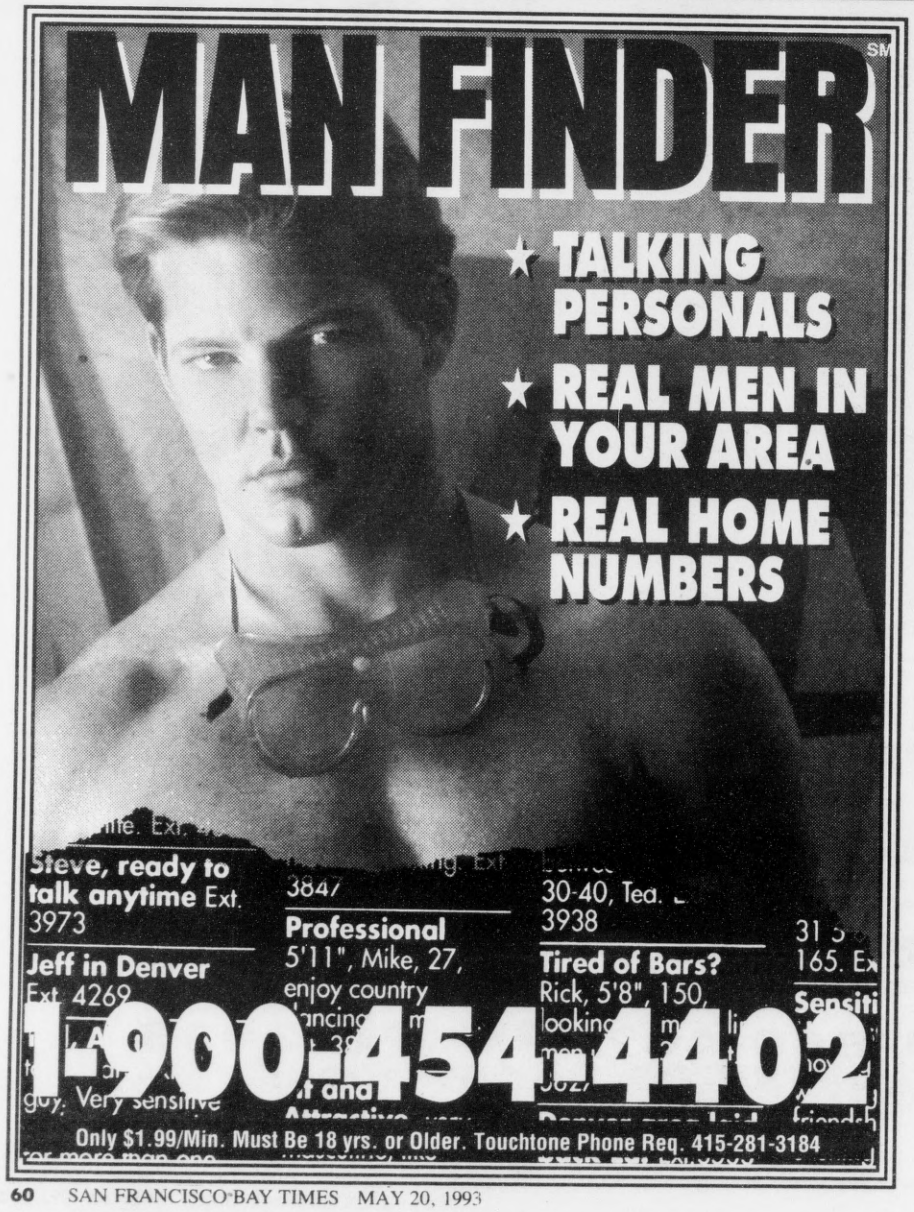
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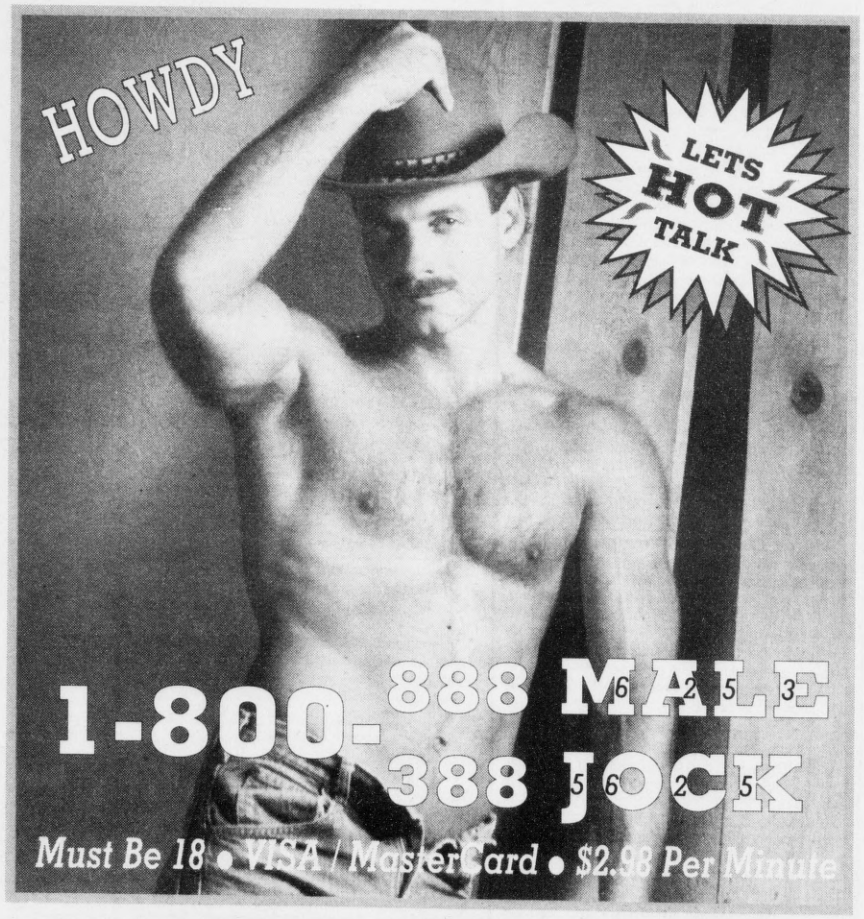

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down to our white cotton briefs and wrestle around on the bed like horny teenagers, try to pin each other down and jack each other off. I'm 27, 6'2", 175#, white, very straight-acting; prefer similar or younger. Photo gets definite response. Tell me why you like a good struggle! Reply BT Box MY114B or call ★★6527.

Good-Looking Asian/Islander

Sought by same... I'm a GAM, warm and wild, looking for love and romance, or just a little fun. I'm in my 20s, lean and sprouting muscles, lightly bronzed and resilient to life's curveballs. I hope you're fun, guilt-free, assured, in your 20s, educated, have a masculine demeanor, romantic and full of lust and affection. Would like to meet GWM/GLMs, too! Please reply BT Box MY115B or call ★★6528.

Something More

Very attractive 35 y.o., receding brn/blue, 6'1", toned and trim, well-endowed, healthy, HIV+, spiritual GWM seeks very good-looking (only, please) Latin, Indian, Arabic or other brown/red-skinned guy, 18-35 y.o., on the smooth, muscular, boyish, preppyish side, who's masculine yet caring and considerate, for safe sex, romance, fun and/or something more. Prefer nonsmoker/non-drugger, light drinking OK. Prefer photo & letter to BT Box MY116B, otherwise call ★★6529.

Mexican, Black, Puerto Rican?

Lonely GBM, 27, 5'10", 185 lbs., tired of lies and game-playing, and men who cheat on their lovers, wants a sincere, honest, masculine, well-endowed Mexican, Black or Puerto Rican man who is serious about having a satisfying, fulfilling sexual relationship with another man. You should be a top, know what you want, and know the difference between fucking and making love. Let's talk. Call ★★6530.

I Like To Watch Young Guys

I'm a very friendly WM, 45, with a good sense of humor. I'm intelligent, HIV- and employed. I suffer from chronic low energy syndrome and don't have much sex energy. Usually I just J/O. I'd enjoy meeting a compatible very young (18-30), thin, smooth guy; someone I could take out to dinner or the movies occasionally and J/O watching. Some of my interests include folk music, philosophy, beginning Spanish, day trips to new places if not too strenuous. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★6531.

Not Lonely, But Looking

Attractive 23-yr-old guy, 5'8", 140 lbs., dark hair and eyes, olive skin. Playful, yet serious. Hang out in cafes, write/read/people watch. Enjoy dancing, but not into the pick-up scene. Very growth-oriented and spiritual (Glide). Realize that relationships are not simple and take a lot of work and understanding. Seeking someone between 25-35 who cares about their body and soul, is taller than me and loves the everyday challenges that life brings. Trust, compassion and monogamy are essential. Call ★★6532.

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This 30s GWM nonetheless presents the following descriptors: 5'8", 150 lbs., fit, healthy, HIV-, blond/blue, literate technocrat with volatile sense of humor and multiple interests that include the standard walks, dinner, movies and sex, as well as creative endeavors. Warning: human. I am seeking a 20s-30s GAM, 5'6" or taller, weight proportional, self-supporting, with intelligence and bounded ego who is not totally invulnerable. If this ad strikes a chord (or note), please call ★★6533.

Wonder

Wondering if someone desires to explore the possibility of being the friend and lover of someone else who enjoys and believes in forgiveness; who has an unshakable loyalty to friends and an unwavering commitment to eradicate hunger and poverty. Who is eager to laugh. Someone who relishes comedy (Marga Gomez, Karen Williams), plays (*The Destiny of Me, Lisbon Traviata*), movies (*Romero, Rainman*); who enjoys news/op ed (MacNeill-Lehrer, Anna Quindlen), body surfing and food from around the world; someone who likes promoting young people's self-belief through teaching. Someone very forthcoming. Someone who treasures the beauty of San Francisco and who gets a hope-inducing charge out of diverse people like Barbara Jordan, Gandhi, my mother and Larry Kramer. Wondering if someone who is bold and healthy and approximately in his late-20s or 30s desires to be with someone who is 39, 5'9" and quite lovely and lucky and complete and wondering. Wondering if someone desires to explore... please reply BT Box MY117B or call ★★6534.

Turn Your Dreams Into Reality

This strikingly handsome 32 y.o., 5'10", 165 lbs., HIV healthy, brown/brown/moustache, well-built man with a muscular gym-toned body is open to meeting a handsome, masculine, professional, well-built, well-endowed top. When we meet you'd discover I possess a good sense of humor, with a friendly, sincere, easygoing nature. Should we click you'll soon realize as well that I'm an extremely romantic, affectionate & sexual man who is well-endowed. Are you capable of a monogamous relationship, self-confident, early-30s to vibrant 40s & free from drugs/heavy drinking? Great! Pick up the phone. Do you enjoy theater, movies, weekend trips, working out, laughing, dining out & long, slow, deep kisses? I trust you're dialing. Send photo/letter (photo returned) to BT Box MY118B or call ★★6535.

Good-Looking Gardener

Seeks other masculine blue collar guys in SF for companionship, dating, affectionate versatile sex, possible relationship. I'm 45, 6'2", 150 lbs., smooth, with glasses, moustache. I'm attracted to hairier, naturally muscular men, 35-50, with intelligence and sense of humor. Varied interests include: hiking/camping, Buddhist meditation, cats, food/wine, French, Star Trek, religion, kissing/cuddling, travel, psychology, buildings, arts/crafts, reading. Please be HIV- and NS. Call ★★6536.

Asian Friendship... Asian Lover

GAM, very attractive, late 20s, 5'6", 132, in good shape, cleanshaven, HIV-, seeks a special person for a loving friend or monogamous relationship that will last the rest of our lives. I am happy, intelligent, educated, self-supporting, and enjoy music, movies, dining out, working out.... Not a barfly. I'm looking for someone who is masculine, attractive, drug-free, under 50, of any background. Please send photo and phone to CR, PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★6537.

Proud Nonradical Individualist

Passionate body and soul; casual and easygoing... seeking more serious Partner or just friends, Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: moderate independent Christian, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kafka, Kierkegaard, Pascal, Buber, Chaplin, Schulz, Looney Toons, music (Sade, Vandross, Orbison, Nat, Mahalia, etc.), no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, lite videophile, Matt Ramsey, ethnic food, etc. You: ? Exterior: I'm WM, 30, 5'9", 155#, cleanshaven, "good-looking." Reply to: JS, PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★6538. Letters preferred to calls.

Seeking Tall, Dark, Hunky And Handsome

Me: 6'1", 190 hard #s, runner/triathlete, in very good shape, healthy. You: tall, dark, hunky, muscular and very handsome. A man's man, confident, masculine and horny. We both understand intimacy between men. We both understand that it's a hard man's man that has what we want/need. Love of sex is a must! Reply w/photo PO Box 283022, SF 94128-3022 or call ★★6539. Discreet. Peninsula OK.

I'd like to spend an evening admiring a very athletic guy (swimmer, bicyclist, gymnast, etc.) You take off your clothes a piece at a time as we admire your body as it becomes exposed & feel your body and tell you how great you look. We sip some wine. We continue. All of this leads to me orally servicing you until you climax. Then I gently massage your well-toned body. You are the focus of our attention. No reciprocation wanted. I'm handsome, Latin, 32 and anxious to make the fantasy come alive. Let's get creative. Send photo. Reply BT Box MY119B or call ★★6540.

An Island Is No Man

I'm seeking a buddy to share together in friendship this adventure called life. Achievement of a happy life pattern through common sense, responsible decision making and rewarding employment with varied social, sensual, safe sexual interests is most greatly enhanced by having met and falling in like and love with a special man. I'm masculine, 5'10", trim GWM, physically/emotionally/romantically attractive and non-alcoholic/drug user. Let's help each other so as to flourish in a quality man-to-man friendship/relationship. Reply BT Box MY120B or call ★★6541.

Don't Be Shy!!!

Very masculine and sensitive guy is seeking others who can appreciate friendship, adventure and possibly something beyond that. I'm 32, 6'1", 160 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. A good-looking, guy-next-door type who appreciates affection, closeness and sharing of both feelings and experiences. My serious side says that I am very much a romantic, my not so serious side says what's wrong with having fun in the meantime but my realistic side says that the potential for friendship is a good place to start. I'm basically into guys who are between the ages of 22 and 30. Slim and smooth types are a major plus. So—tell me who you are... Reply BT Box MY121B or call ★★6542.

A Midwestern Type Of Guy

Sincere, romantic GWM—handsome, healthy, HIV-; bright, professionally employed, homeowner, with varied interests and many talents. Stats: Jewish, 39, 165#, 5'11", brown hair (sparse on top), moustache. Friends consider me gentle, nurturing, sensitive and witty—I agree. Seek friendship that could develop into a committed relationship with a Caucasian or Hispanic nonsmoker, light- or non-drinker, who complements/shares/appreciates the above characteristics. Reply BT Box MY122B or call ★★6543.

Seeking Attention And Affection

Successful, good-looking GWM, 37, intelligent and creative, 6', 165#, tan, short brown hair (thinning), trimmed beard, hairy, HIV-, somewhat shy but sexually aggressive, uncut, looking for physical intimacy, friendship, open to possible relationship. You should be 30-42, single, attractive, intelligent, nonsmoker, light drinker, financially stable, more outgoing than me. Prefer someone with an interesting and successful career (like me). Some of my interests are travel (especially tropical), music, movies, gardening, diving. Send letter and returnable photo to PO Box 31924, SF 94131-0924 or call ★★6544.

Boyfriend!

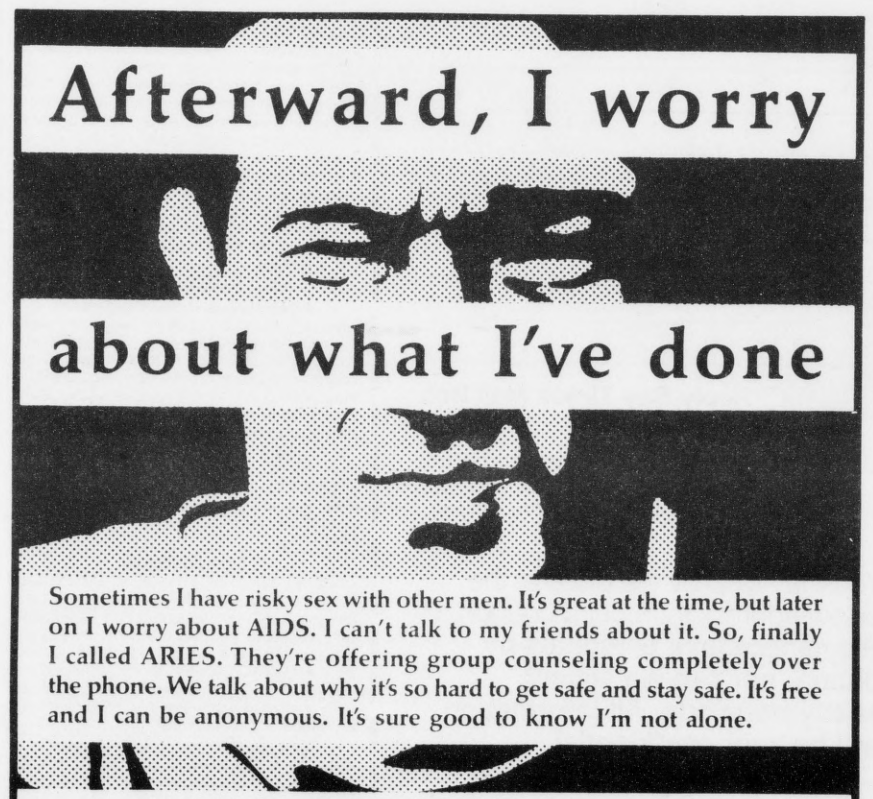
Late night dinners? Weekday rendezvous? Still looking for slim, sexy man to share good life with attractive (plus) 40 y.o. Anglo. HIV+ asymptomatic. Smart, silly, sensitive, serious. Someday he'll come along, and he won't be Republican. Reply BT Box MY123B or call ★★6545.

Now Available: One Good Man

Recently divorced after 20 years, 50, 5'10", 175#, healthy, fit, good-looking, seeks great partner for the second half. Successful entrepreneur, bright, optimistic, inquisitive, can-do. Midwestern WASPy roots with Ivy League degree and wardrobe with cosmopolitan experience. Warm and supportive, psychologically aware, a good communicator, a better listener with a good sense of humor who does not take himself too seriously. You are mid-40s, bright, competent, social, reliable and well-educated. Fit, active and affectionate. Write to: PO Box 1248, Burlingame 94011-1248 or call ★★6546.

Are You Smooth??

I can't believe it has come to this! I am a Portuguese/Italian male, 5'11", 165 lbs., 38, successful professional who is seeking an intense, creative, good-looking (cute/handsome) male up



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to 35 years old. I am HIV-, very active physically, spiritually and emotionally. I love intense workouts (good shape), outdoors, travel, gardening & the arts. I want to meet Asian/white/Latin male who is curious, intelligent, successful professional, who is also in good shape. Must be interested in intense living/loving and most of all committed to making a contribution to our communities. Write, send photo (must) and/or call. Reply BT Box MY124B or call ★★6547.

Let's Get Together

GBM. 30. 6', 250 lbs., love life, people. Do almost anything in life to be happy. I'm HIV-, you should be also. Love hiking, biking, swimming, basketball. Like watching old movies, cooking fabulous dinners. Enjoy jazz, classical, rock, r&b and the theater. Not looking for one-night stand, but long-term friendship and maybe relationship. You are any race, in OK shape. You don't have to like all the things I like. Write to PO Box 5441, Oakland 94605 or call ★★6548.

Cyclist's Butt

Tight, muscular butt and legs, wrapped in spandex shorts with a big basket. Wanting long, hot rides on bicycle and in bed. I'm 40, 6'3", HIV+, slim, fit, 'stache, blond, well-hung, big balls, passionate kisser, cuddler, versatile/bottom. You be similar, sexy, versatile/top, in touch with heart as well as dick. Beards, blacks, uncut a plus. Reply... ★★6549.

Black, Healthy & Horny & Hung

If your wish is to have fun & maybe even get serious with an exceptional Black guy who absolutely craves "old men," you should check me out. Nothing phony here! Reply BT Box MY125B or call ★★6550.

Tough Latino Brownboy Wanted

This blondboy finds nothing better than a brownboy, real Latino only, looking for relationship with this bi blondboy. 34 yrs. old, blond hair, blue eyes, 5'9", 177 lbs., muscular body, clean, HIV-, seeks brownboy, bi or straight-acting gay, under 5'8", 180 lbs., hot body, nice butt, in shape, NS, ND, light drinker OK. If you're a real brownboy, get real with me now. Write w/photo to BT Box MY126B or call ★★6551.

Big Hearted

Guy who is down-to-earth, 38, 6'3", 190#, HIV-, brown/hazel, moustache and sometimes bearded, open to LTR. I'm also drug-free, smoke-free and drink occasionally. I enjoy life in all its craziness and simplicity. I'm versatile and am looking to meet someone with some similar traits, 32-48, who's honest, enjoys life and wants to meet to see what happens next. Write with phone number to BT Box MY127B or call ★★6552.

Right To The Point

You know how them big, strong redheaded men are. This one in particular loves to kiss and cuddle with furry, tactile men who can enjoy some rough and tumble as well as gentle "vanilla." I'm 36, 5'11", 185#, bearded, handsome, healthy, clean/sober, and positive in more ways than one. My taste tends to furry men of all ages. "Active," as they say, but looking for someone more "receptive" than "passive." Not looking for a husband, but if you want to bring yours along, that's OK, too. On the other hand, if you do manage to arouse my romantic streak I can be a devoted and loyal lover. Photo and letter to BT Box MY128B or call ★★6553.

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Genuine Castro Mensch Available

I am a 36 y.o. GJM, 5'10", 154 lbs., hazel eyes, brown hair but balding, moustache, dark complexion, very hairy, handsome, healthy HIV+, educated professional, spiritual, financially independent, enjoy travel, music, arts, movies, Hawaii, Russian River and my bathtub. Seeking mature, financially stable 30-45 man, in shape, to share a relationship based on honesty, mutual attraction, humor and eventually commitment. Auditions available. Please reply BT Box MY129B or call ★★6554.

Mellow Yellow Fellow

But highly energetic at 45. Masculine, youthful, altruistic Asian, 5'9", wants to meet cleanshaven, gym-toned, smooth, slender or muscular WM to develop symbiotic relationship and share eclectic experiences. We are physically active and fit, nonsmokers, communicative, affectionate and honest. Enjoy workouts, hiking, dancing, sports, cultural arts, films, PBS, home life and lovemaking. Am somewhat quiet and assertive but respectful of mutual feelings in and out of bed. Reply BT Box MY130B or call ★★6555.

Anomalies

A youthful middle age, a top kind of bottom. Not an oxymoron—just the wonderful inconsistencies of character that life produces. A warrior and a pilgrim, I wear my spurs and my scars with pride. I'm a lusty, earthy, laughing man who finds himself on a deep spiritual journey. And I'd like to find and share all of this with a friend, brother, lover. I'm handsome, fit, muscular, romantic—as if you hadn't guessed—a great cocksucker. Who are you? I could not begin to say, except you are HIV- like me and think it would be neat to initiate a conversation with a man of my tastes and desires. Call ★★6556.

Dig This

I dig poets, musicians, artists. Seeking creative, adventurous, iconoclast boyfriend. Me: WM, 40, 5'10", 150 lbs., br/br, bald, handsome, HIV-, very fit, educated, bicycle fanatic, musical, artistic, pipe smoking, Oakland-residing. You: please write PO Box 2097, SF 94126 or call ★★6557.

Oral Fantasy

You love getting head, deep throat, your thighs and feet licked, standing over a man, talking to him, holding his head in your hands, getting into his head with your mind, locking eyes when he is all the way down on you. You, like me, are muscular and fit, HIV-, sensitive and confident and honest, and you are aroused just reading this ad. Call ★★6558.

Bright, Compassionate, Talented Guy Available

I have a successful career in journalism, an inquiring mind, soulful eyes and the ability to communicate in an honest and respectful way. I'm 32, 5'9", 160, HIV-, health-conscious and attractive with brown hair, goatee and blue-green eyes. I like to attend intelligent movies, theater, pop music concerts and galleries, but am open to exploring the interests of someone with different passions. I'm energetic, eager, intuitive, free of addictions and well-grounded. I enjoy hugging, kissing, caressing, sucking and maybe more with the right man, 28-48. Turn-ons include beards, hairy bodies, big-boned frames and thick dicks, but nothing is mandatory besides the ability to love and be loved. A sense of humor also helps. Write me at 2215-R Market, #452, SF 94114 or call ★★6559.

Fun-Loving Guy Seeks Adventurous Type W/Big Heart

Time to grab the world by the seat of the pants & live it w/the type of guy you are—someone who thinks life is great and yearns for challenges and cool adventures; someone who loves to play—travel, biking, hiking, gym stuff, films; someone who loves to grow through the arts, concerts, books; someone who loves shared times w/special friends & a soulmate. You: 27-33, GWM, HIV-, NS/ND, college, monogamous, relationship-oriented. Me: GWM, 6', 165, BB, 30, college, big smile, cute, sense of humor. Your picture gets mine! No voicemail. Reply BT Box MY131B.

Eclectic Mentor

Unusual looking GWM, tall, 40ish, professional, from the South and NYC, 'stache, s/p hair, glasses, 195# (overweight), HIV-. Personable, witty, educated, traveled, worldly in interests and experiences, looking for educated, artistic-inclined GWM/GLM, HIV-, for social outings and inspirations. P.S. I am a smoker and social butterfly. If interested write Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★6560.

In Search Of The Chances Lost

Attractive Latino Americano (29, 5'7", 138, brown/hazel, in shape), progressive professional/student, of diverse intellectual interests, idealistic yet practical, but also into more frivolous body care through workouts (my self-esteem can't live without it), seeking friends, 20-32, for socialization, playful (safer) sex—Latinos/European, attractive/shorter/fit guys encouraged—or whatever we decide. Please, be open-minded (even subversive), socially conscious, generous. Call ★★6561.

Safe, Secret Sex

Weekdays, afternoon lunch and early evenings available for me: GWM, 25, br/br, 5'9", 165 lbs., muscular, hung bottom. To give you: GWM, 21-40 yrs. old, height/weight proportioned, physically fit, extremely hung top. To make your work day more enjoyable. Respond to #370, PO Box 410990, SF 94141-0990 with letter and returnable photo or call ★★6562.

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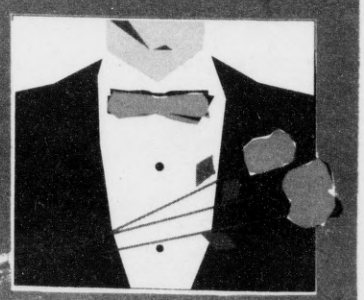

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